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*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the
GOVERNOR and COMPANT of the English
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations,
in New-England, in America ; held by Adjournment
at Providence, on the last Tuesday of February,
One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three ; and in
the Twenty-sixth Tear of the Reign of His Most Sacred
Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD
of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, De-
fender of the Faith, &c.*

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor,

The Hon. JOSEPH WHIPPLE, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>	JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>
JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;		JEFFERY WATSON, Esq;	

Mr. JOHN ANDREWS, Dep. Secretary.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT ;

Edward Scott, Esq;
Peter Bours, Esq;
Mr. Job Bennet, jun.
Capt. William Mumford.
Nicholas Easton, Esq;
Providence ;
Stephen Hopkins, Esq;
Jonathan Randall, Esq;
Mr. Elisha Brown,
Mr. Ephraim Bowen.



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Portsmouth ;

William Anthony, jun. Esq;
John Allen, Esq;
Caleb Hill, Esq;
Mr. Gideon Freshorn, jun.
Warwick ;
Philip Greene, Esq;
Capt. Randal Rice,
Lieut. Col. Stephen Low.
Lenjamin Arnold, Esq;

Westerly ;

Westerly ;
Joshua Babcock, Esq;
Col. Joseph Pendleton.
 Newshoremham ;
 None.
 North-Kingstown ;
Mr. Henry Wall.
 South-Kingstown ;
Mr. Jeffery Hazard,
Col. Thomas Hazard.
 East-Greenwich ;
Joseph Nichols, Esq;
John Fry, Esq;
 Jamestown ;
Joseph Clark, Esq;
Mr. Josiah Arnold, jun.
 Smithfield ;
Thomas Arnold, Esq;
Thomas Lapham, Esq;
 Scituate ;
Job Randal, Esq;
Charles Harris, Esq;
 Gloucester ;
Andrew Brown, Esq;
Capt. Joseph Windsor
 Charlestown ;
Mr. James Congdon, jun.
 West-Greenwich ;
George Gardner, Esq;

Mr. Preserved Hall.
 Coventry ;
Mr. John Greene,
Caleb Greene, Esq;
 Exeter ;
Capt. John Reynolds,
Nicholas Gardner, Esq;
 Middletown ;
Capt. John Barker,
Handley Chipman, Esq;
 Bristol ;
Jonathan Peck, Esq;
Capt. Simon Davis.
 Tiverton ;
Joseph Anthony, Esq;
 Little-Compton ;
William Hall, Esq;
Mr. Richard Grinnel.
 Warren ;
Benjamin Miller, Esq;
Capt. John Adams.
 Cumberland ;
Job Bartlet, Esq;
John Dexter, Esq,
 Richmond ;
Capt Joseph Enos, jun.
Mr. Simeon Perry.

Mr. JOSIAS LYNDON, Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *Isaac Warner* of *Windham*, in the Colony of *Connecticut*, hath made it appear to this Assembly, That he was possessed of an Eight Pound Bill of Old-Tenor, emitted by this Colony ; the greatest Part whereof is destroyed by Fire : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That he deliver the Remains of said Bill to *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Treasurer of the Grand Committee, and receive from him a good Eight Pound Bill instead thereof.

Whereas *Thomas Spencer* (Son of *Thomas*) late Ferryman, and indebted to the Colony, represented to this Assembly, That he is now utterly unable to discharge the Debt due from him to the Public ; that he will endeavour to satisfy the same as soon as possible ; and therefore prayed this Assembly would prolong the Time for Payment thereof : Upon Consideration whereof, *This Assembly*

Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Thomas be, and he is hereby allowed one Year further to satisfy and discharge the same.

An ACT in Amendment of an Act, made and passed by the General Assembly of this Colony, at their Session held at Newport on the third Monday of August, A. D. 1752, entitled, *An Act for Regulating the Ferries.*

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly, by the Petition of those occupying several of the Ferries regulated by the afore-mentioned Act, that several Clauses of the said Act, viz. one Clause which limits the Time of Attendance at said Ferries, and also one other Clause, ascertaining the Price of ferrying over a led Horse, are burthensome and unreasonable; and have furthermore prayed this Assembly to amend the said Act in those Respects.

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and for the Amendment of the aforesaid Act, it is hereby Enacted, That hereafter on working Days, the Time of ordinary Duty and Attendance at each one of the Ferries regulated by the afore-mentioned Act, shall be from the Rising to the Setting of the Sun; and after Sun-set, for transporting such Persons as were there waiting before throughout the Year. And on the first Day of the Week, Attendance shall be given to Persons going to or returning from Places of Public Worship, to Persons hinder'd by passing the said Ferries by tempestuous Weather, or other Accident, the Day before, and to Physicians, Midwives, &c. and those going for them, and to no others, except the Ferryman be willing to attend: And that the Price for ferrying a led or spare Horse over each of the said Ferries, be the same as for a Horse and his Rider.

AND it is furthermore Ordered, That the Amendments hereby made, be expressed in the several Leaves to be given, pursuant to the afore-mentioned Act.

The Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of *Thomas Richardson, Esq;* General Treasurer, presented this Assembly with the following Report and Account.

1752. *The Colony of Rhode-Island, to Thomas Richardson, General Treasurer,* - - - Dr.---

TO Cash for sundry Disbursements, from
October 18. 1751, to Jan. 10. 1753. together with Interest Money paid to several Towns, and incident Charges, as taken from the Treasurer's Alphabetical Book, £. 16112 10 5

To

To the Treasurer's Salary for the Year 1751.	£. 200 0 0
To an Allowance to the Treasurer for extraordinary Services on protested Bills of Exchange, as <i>per</i> Vote of Assembly at June Sessions, 1752.	72 3 8
To short Interest of the Eighth Bank for the Towns of <i>Warwick</i> and <i>Westerly</i> , for the Year 1751.	2 14 0
To an Allowance for Paper, and the printed Votes of the General Assembly used in the Office,	10 0 0
Ballance due from <i>Thomas Richardson</i> , Esq; General Treasurer to the Colony ; being <i>Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds and Ten Shillings</i> in Money and Bonds,	18851 10 0
	£. 35248 18 1

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1752.	
BY Ballance due to the Colony from the General Treasurer, as settled by the Auditors, <i>October</i> 18. 1751.	£. 23206 18 1
By the Interest of the seventh Bank for the Year 1751,	3200 0 0
By the Interest of the Eighth Bank, for the Year 1751,	6400 0 0
By Cash receiv'd of <i>Stephen Wilcox</i> , being Interest of his Bond,	32 0 0
By Cash receiv'd for ten old Law-Books sold since the last Audit,	10 0 0
By one Book deliver'd to the Attorney General.	
By one <i>Ditto</i> deliver'd to the Inferior Court at <i>Providence</i> .	
By 152 Books in the Treasury unfold.	
By Two Thousand Four Hundred Pounds hired of the following Persons, to pay off the Agent's Bill, <i>viz</i>	
Of <i>Ebenezer Slocum</i> ,	£. 623
Of <i>John Stevens</i> ,	500
Of <i>Daniel Weeden</i> ,	600
Of <i>Richard Tew</i> ,	427
Of <i>Daniel Weeden</i> ,	250
	2400 0 0
	£. 35248 18 1

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; the present General Treasurer, do find, That there is due from the said *Richardson* to the Colony, the Sum of *Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds and Ten Shillings*, as appears by the Account above stated, in which a Number of *non est* Bonds are included, amounting to a large Sum, which is submitted to the Honourable General Assembly, by

Dated in Newport, this 10th Day of
January, A. D. 1753.

John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston,
Peter Bours,
James Sheffield.

To which Report they subjoined the following Account.

The Colony to the Committee, - - Dr---

TO our Time and Trouble, in auditing the
above Account, viz.

To <i>John Tillinghast</i> , one Day,	£ 3 - -
To <i>Thomas Cranston</i> , three Days,	9 - -
To <i>Peter Bours</i> , three Days,	9 - -
To <i>James Sheffield</i> , three Days,	9 - -
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	£. 30 - -

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report, and the Account subjoined, into Consideration, and duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted, and the Account allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirty Pounds*, be paid the said *John Tillinghast*, *Thomas Cranston*, *Peter Bours*, and *James Sheffield*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Treasurer of the Grand Committee, hath presented several Receipts to this Assembly, whereby he hath shewn, that he has paid *Ninety Pounds and Eight Pence*, in Discharge of several Executions against the Grand Committee : This Assembly therefore, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That said Sum of *Ninety Pounds and Eight Pence*, be repaid to said *Benjamin Nichols* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Edward Scott*, *Peter Bours*, and *Edward Easton*, Esqrs. the Committee appointed to collect the Laws of this Colony, and prepare them for the Press, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for performing that Service. &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, That the said Account be allowed, and that *One Hundred and Five Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Edward Scott*, *Peter Bours*, and *Edward Easton*, out of the General Treasury.

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Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, and for furnishing Paper, &c. at several Times Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That* said Account be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifty Five Pounds and Eighteen Shillings*, be paid unto the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston, James Sheffield, and Peter Bours*, Esqrs. exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for their Trouble in exchanging Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds, Bills of the last Emission, paid in for Tenth Money, at *One and One Quarter per Cent.* Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That* the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and the Amount thereof, being *Ninety-seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Three Pence*, be paid to the said *John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston, James Sheffield, and Peter Bours*, out of the General Treasury.

The Committee appointed by the General Assembly to audit the Accounts of *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Treasurer of the Grand Committee, and to receive and burn the Tenth Money he had in his Hands, presented this Assembly with the following Report and Account.

Dr.--- *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; one of the Grand Committee, to the Colony,

TO the Ballance of Account as per Report,
dated Feb. 28. 1750-1.

£. 425979 18 11

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BY a Sett of Tenth Bonds amounting to *One Hundred and Sixty Pounds* of the Fifth Bank, given by *John Richmond* of *Westerly*, and ordered by the General Assembly, at their Session in *July, 1746*, to be delivered up to *Nathanael Lewis*, he having given Bonds for the same Sum,

£. 160 0 0

By a Mortgage Deed given by *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; for *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds* in the Fifth Bank, there being another Mortgage and Tenth Bonds in the Office, given by him for the same Sum, in Lieu of the first Mortgage,

250 0 0

By

By a Mortgage Deed given by <i>Abraham Coggeshall</i> , for <i>Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds</i> in the Fifth Bank, there being another Mortgage and Tenth Bonds in the Office, given by him for the same Sum, in Lieu of the first Mortgage,	£. 250 0 0
By a Mistake in delivering the Mortgages and Bonds by <i>Jableel Brenton</i> , Esq; to <i>Jonathan Nichols</i> , Esq; it appearing that said <i>Nichols</i> discharg'd twice with <i>Sixty-three Pounds New Tenor</i> , taken upon Loan by <i>Thomas Northub</i> in the Seventh Bank, is in Old-Tenor,	252 0 0
By Cash paid to <i>John Tillinghast</i> , <i>Peter Bours</i> , <i>Thomas Cranston</i> , and <i>James Sheffield</i> , Esqrs. a Committee appointed by the General Assembly to receive and burn the same,	27445 8 7
Ballance in the Hands of <i>Benjamin Nichols</i> , Esq;	397622 10 4
	£. 425979 18 11

Newport, April 22. 1752.

To the Honourable GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Treasurer of the Grand Committee, and to receive and burn the Tenth Money he had in his Hands, Report, That we have received of said *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; *Twenty-seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty-five Pounds Eight Shillings and Seven Pence*, calculated in Old-Tenor, and have burnt the same; and that there is a Ballance in Mortgages and Bonds, in the Hands of said *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; amounting to *Three Hundred and Ninety-seven Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Ten Shillings and Four Pence Old Tenor*, agreeable to the above and within Account.

John Tillinghast,
Peter Bours,
Thomas Cranston,
James Sheffield.

To which Report, they subjoined the following Account.

The Colony to the Committee, - Dr---

TO our Time and Trouble in settling the within Account eight Days, at *Three Pounds*, £. 96 0 0

John Tillinghast,
Peter Bours.
Thomas Cranston.
James Sheffield.

And

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report, and the Account subjoined, into Consideration, and having duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted, and the Account allowed, and that the Amount thereof, being *Ninety-six Pounds*, be paid unto *John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours, and James Sheffield*, Esqrs. out of the General Treasury.

Whereas a Number of Gentlemen and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Kent*, have represented unto this Assembly, That in Consequence of an Act made and passed at their Session in *June, A. D. 1750.* whereby *East-Greenwich, Warwick, West-Greenwich, and Coventry*, were made a distinct County, provided the Inhabitants of said Towns would by free Contribution, erect and build a Court House in *East-Greenwich*, near the Bigness of the Court House in *Providence*, fit to hold a Court in by the last Day of *October* thence next ensuing; they have with others, erected and built said House agreeable to said Act, which was signified to the General Assembly at their Session in *Providence, Octob. A. D. 1750.* and that said House is unfinished within, which renders it very uncomfortable in the Winter; in the coldest Part of which Season one Court is held at said Court House: And that the Inhabitants of said County, tho' they have chearfully contributed towards the Building said House, find they are not able to compleat it, altho' it is absolutely necessary to be done; and therefore have prayed this Assembly, that a Lottery may be granted them, as the easiest Method to raise Money sufficient for finishing said Court House: And now this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That there be a Lottery set up for finishing the Court House in the County of *Kent* aforesaid, and for erecting a Fence round the Goal in said *East-Greenwich*.

An ACT for Naturalizing *Stephen Decatur*, now residing at *Newport* in this Colony. late a Subject of the *French King*.

WHEREAS the said *Stephen Decatur* hath represented unto this Assembly, That he has for some Time resided in *Newport* aforesaid, and sailed from the said Place in the Employ of several Merchants, and has also married a Wife in said *Newport*, and is willing to become a Subject of his Britannic Majesty, and therefore prayed this Assembly, that an Act of Naturalization might be passed, rendering him a Subject of his said Majesty, as fully and amply, to all Intents and Purposes, as if he were born so.

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On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the said Stephen Decatur be, and he is hereby naturalized, and forever hereafter shall be adjudged and taken to all Intents and Purposes, to be naturalized, and is rendered and made equal in all Respects, to a Freeborn Subject of this Colony ; provided he take the State Oaths, and all other Oaths by Law required.

THE Gentlemen of the Committee appointed to lease out all the Ferries in this Colony, made their Report as follows :

“ **W** E the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to lease out all the Ferries in the Colony, *do Report, That we gave proper Notice thereof, and met accordingly at the Time and Place appointed, and offer'd Leases to the Owners of the Ferries then present, who refused to take them ; since which, Joshua Bill, Nicholas Northup, and William Martin have taken Leases, the Counterpart of which we have returned into the Hands of the General Treasurer.*

*Daniel Coggeshall,
Nicholas Carr,
Immanuel Northup.”*

And now this Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That this Report be, and it is hereby accepted, and that the same Committee be still continued to give Leases of the Ferries.

Whereas *Anthony Holden*, (Son of *William*) of *Warwick*, in the County of *Kent*, hath represented unto this Assembly, That he was a Mariner on Board His Majesty's Ship *Canterbury*, and on the first Day of *Octob. Anno Dom. 1748.* in an Engagement with a Fleet of *Spanish* Men of War off the *Havana*, his Right Arm was shot from his Body, whereby he is rendered altogether incapable of supporting himself ; and also, that he is obliged to go to *England* to receive the small Allowance granted him there ; and that the Cost which he must be at in performing said Voyage, will be considerable, and the Consequence of his not going Home as afore- will be an Exemption from any Allowance there : And that he has not sufficient Money to defray the Charges of going Home as afore- said ; and therefore prayed this Assembly to relieve him as they in their Wisdom should think proper. And now this Assembly, upon Consideration of the Premises, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Two Hundred Pounds* be allowed and paid to the said *Anthony Holden* out of the General Treasury.

An A C T establishing an Alms-house and Work-house in the
County of Providence.

W H E R E A S the Representatives of all the Towns in the said County of Providence, have agreed that a suitable Building be erected in some convenient Place in the said County, for entertaining and employing the Poor of the said County in, and that towards the Expence of the Building such a House, each of the said Towns shall contribute and pay in the same Proportion one to another, as they severally stand rated in the last Act of this Assembly, for proportioning the County Tax on the Towns in it ; and that after said House is built, each Town shall be at the Expence of such poor Persons as they send thither.

And for encouraging and carrying into Execution so laudable an Undertaking,

B E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Towns of Providence, Smithfield, Scituate, Gloucester, and Cumberland, shall each at their Meeting, holden in April next, chuse and elect one suitable Person for the Purposes herein after mentioned ; and the said Persons shall within twenty Days after chosen, all meet together, the Time and Place of Meeting to be appointed, and Notice given thereof by him chosen for Providence ; and they being so met, shall agree upon some proper Place for said House to be set on, and on the particular Form and Dimensions of the House to be built, on the Manner and Materials it shall be built of, and agree with Undertakers to perform the same, on such Conditions, and in such Manner as they think fit, and shall agree on the Sum of Money requisite for all those Purposes to be raised by the said Towns, and shall draw up in Writing all their Agreements, signed with the Names of them, or the major Part of them, which in all Cases shall be good and valid ; and they shall send an Order under their Hands as aforesaid, to the Ratemakers of each of the said Towns, commanding them to assess and levy on the Inhabitants thereof, such Sum, and Proportion of the whole Sum agreed on, as to them doth belong to pay, according to the Agreement aforesaid ; and that it be done and collected within a Time limited. Moreover, they shall appoint a Treasurer, to whom the same shall be paid, to be wholly used for the Purposes aforesaid, and who shall duly account ; and the said Persons chosen as aforesaid, shall afterwards have Meetings once every Quarter, for the taking Care of, and seeing the Work aforesaid duly performed : And the said Towns shall annually afterwards, at their Meetings in April, chuse a Person for the Purposes aforesaid, who shall constantly have Meetings once every Quarter, and shall be in said House after it is built, and shall appoint Overseers for the same, shall draw up such Rules and Orders for the Govern-
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ment thereof, as are necessary, shall see that the Poor therein are duly provided for, looked after, and employed, and order Money to be raised from time to time, as it may be necessary, and according to the Agreements aforesaid, and shall do all other Things that shall or may be necessary, for the building, furnishing, well ordering, and continuing the House aforesaid, and shall keep fair Accounts of all their Doings, in a Book to be kept for that Purpose ; and whatsoever they, or the major Part of them do, or order, under their Hands as aforesaid, shall be good and binding on all concerned, as tho' done by the General Assembly of this Colony.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any or either of the Towns in the Counties of Bristol or Kent, shall see Cause to be concerned in the said House, and are willing to furnish, and pay thereto in the Proportion afore-mentioned, they may also at their Meetings in April next, chuse a Person in the Character, and for the Purposes within mentioned, who shall meet with, and be received, and have the same Powers and Privileges, and under the same Regulations as the Persons chosen for the Towns in the County of Providence, by this Act are vested with.

WHereas *Enoch Hunt* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Attendance four Days at the Gate in *Cumberland* ; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Five Pounds* be allowed and paid unto the said *Enoch Hunt* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for drawing the Cumberland Lottery for compleating the Bridge between Smithfield and Cumberland, be protracted, and lengthen'd out unto the third Monday of May next.

Whereas *David Cumstock*, Esq; was chosen by this Assembly at their Session in *Providence* on the last Wednesday of *October* last, a Special Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature of this Colony, in a Case between *John Angel* and *Benjamin Belknap*, in the Room of *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; who declined giving his Opinion in said Case ; the said *David Cumstock* declining also, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Philip Greene*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed a Special Judge of said Superior Court in said Case, in the Room of the aforesaid *David Cumstock*.

Whereas *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for Work done,
Materials

Materials, &c. furnished in the Repairing *Paucatuck* Bridge : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds and Five Pence*, be paid the said *Joshua Babcock* out of the General Treasury.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the Future, all and every of the Officers of the Court of Vice-Admiralty in this Colony, be, and they are hereby exempted from serving as Jurors.

Whereas Mr. *Ebenezer Jencks* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for finding Materials, &c. for a Gate erected at a Bridge to prevent Persons bringing the Small-Pox into this Colony, and for his Trouble, Expence, &c. relating the Attendance at the Bridge : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty-seven Pounds and Three Shillings* of the said Account be allowed and paid to the said *Ebenezer Jencks* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Mr. *Joseph Harrison* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Attendance as one of the Committee appointed to view the Branch of *Pautatuck* River, proposed to be turned into the Salt Pond at *Charlestown* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Fifty Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Harrison* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Joseph Nichols*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Attendance as one of the Committee appointed to view the Branch of *Paucatuck* River, proposed to be turned into the Salt Pond at *Charlestown* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Twenty-five Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Nichols* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Benjamin Halsard*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Attendance and Expences in viewing *Paucatuck* River : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that
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Fifteen Pounds and Fifteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Hazzard* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *David Wilkinson*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Trouble and Expences in pursuing and apprehending *Jacob Wiley*, *John Cogswell*, and *Elias Smith*, in Obedience to a Warrant to him directed : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds and Eleven Shillings*, be paid to the said *David Wilkinson* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *David Wilkinson*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, one other Account by him charged against the Government, for sundry Repairs on the old Goal House in *Providence* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Ten Pounds and Three Shillings*, be paid unto the said *David Wilkinson* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Israel Wilkinson* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Attendance as one of the Committee for viewing a Branch of *Pawcatuck River* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Amount thereof, being *Forty Pounds*, be paid unto the said *Israel Wilkinson* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Thomas Hazzard*, Keeper of His Majesty's Goal on Tower-Hill, hath represented unto this Assembly, That on the 19th Day of *December*, A. D. 1751, one *John Lawless*, a transient Person, was committed to said Goal for stealing diverse Goods and Chattles ; that he was convicted of said Crime, and Sentence passed, that he should receive corporal Punishment ; but that the General Assembly being informed, that he was then in a bad State of Health, and laboured under Weakness of Body, postponed the Execution of the said Sentence, and ordered a Physician to attend him, who put him under a Salivation : That the said *John* remained in said Prison until the Twenty-ninth Day of *August* following ; all which Time, he the said *Thomas Hazzard* was at extraordinary Pains and Expence in the Attending the said *John Lawless*, by Means of his having a Disease of a nauseous Nature, and in so cold a Season, which created him the said *Thomas Hazzard* much Trouble and Charges, in the Consumption of Wood, and providing other Necessaries : Wherefore the said *Thomas Hazzard*

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prayed this Assembly to allow him *Five Pounds per Week* for his Expence and Trouble as aforesaid, in the common Allowance for Prisoners established by Law, is by no Means a sufficient Reward for his Care, Charge, and Trouble. And now this Assembly taking the Premisses into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Forty Pounds* be allowed and paid unto the said *Thomas Hazzard* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Mr. *David Whipple* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for providing Materials, and erecting a Gate near the Bridge built over *Pawtucket* River, between *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seven Pounds* be allowed and paid to the said *David Whipple* out of the General Treasury, besides the Gate and Materials thereto belonging, which he has received, to his own Use.

An A C T to prevent the Passing of Counterfeit Bills.

W H E R E A S there are a great Number of Counterfeit Bills continually passing about in this Colony, and oftentimes in the Hands of wicked and designing People, who make it their Business to put them off, knowingly to the great Damage of Trade in general, and to the Trading Part of us in Particular.

B E it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That hereafter all Magistrates, Judges, Justices of the Peace, and Grand Committee-men in this Colony, be empowered to deface, or effectually stop the Passing of any Bills of any Denomination whatever, that shall appear on strict Enquiry or Survey to them, to be Counterfeit, on their being offered, and to examin the Persons passing them, who if they appear guilty, or not able to give a good Account of themselves, that they may commit them.

An A C T for the more regular Disposing of the Fines of delinquent Jurors, for their Non-Appearance at the several Courts in this Colony.

W H E R E A S by the Law of this Colony, the Fines for delinquent Jurors for their Non-Appearance at the several Courts in this Colony, has been heretofore, one Third Part to the Court, one Third Part to the Sheriff, and the other Third Part to him or them that shall serve in the Room of such delinquent Juror or Jurors. And forasmuch as there is now by Law, two Setts of Jurors ordered to attend

tend each Court, so that there is but seldom Talesmen taken up, and when there are any taken up, they seldom serve above one or two Cases, by Reason there are Country Jurors there waiting upon the Court, so that when the Court breaks up, or the Jury dismissed, there are seldom any Talesmen among them, so that it is altogether impossible for the Court or the Sheriff to determine who the last Third Part of said Fines belongs to; by which Reason the Sheriffs have generally kept Two Thirds of said Fines.

Therefore,

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the Future, all Fines for Delinquent Jurors for their Non-Appearance at the several Courts in this Colony, as by Law are ordered and directed, shall be disposed of as followeth, to wit : The Sheriff shall be entituled to the same Fees for collecting said Fines, as is customary for collecting of Money upon Executions, and the remaining Part shall be returned by the Sheriff into the General Treasury ; and that all Laws heretofore made for the Disposing of said Fines, be, and they are hereby repealed, made null and void for the Future.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That Daniel Coggeshall, Francis Willet, Esqrs and Mr. Caleb Allen be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to run and settle the dividing Line between South-Kingstown and Exeter, and make Report of their Doings to the General Assembly, at the Charge of said Towns.

WHEREAS John Hoyle, jun. exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Attendance on the General Assembly at this present Session, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Amount thereof, being Eleven Pounds Twelve Skillings and Six Pence, be paid unto the said John Hoyle, jun. out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Isaac Corey exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Attendance four Days on the General Assembly at their present Session : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Six Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said Isaac Corey out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary proclaim

proclaim in *Newport* by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days after their Rising ; and within Sixty, send Copies of them to each Town in the Colony, according to Law : And that this Assembly be, and it is hereby adjourned to the last Monday of *April* next, if call'd by either of their Honours the Governor or Deputy Governor : But if not call'd before or at said Time, then the same is hereby Dissolved.

GOD Save the KING.

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fender of the Faith, &c. it being the Day before the
General Election*

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. JOSEPH WHIPPLE, Esq; Dep Gov.

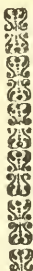
JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>
JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;		JEFFERY WATSON, Esq;	

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT ;

Edward Scott, Esq;
Thomas Cranston, Esq;
Peter Bours, Esq;
Mr. Job Bennet, jun.
Capt. William Mumford.
Nicholas Easton, Esq;

Providence ;
None.



Portsmouth ;

William Anthony, jun. Esq;
John Allen, Esq;
Mr. Gideon Freeborn, jun.

Warwick ;
None.

Westerly ;
Joshua Babcock, Esq;

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New-

Newshorcham ;
Mr. *Edmund Sheffield*,
Mr. *John Pain*.

North-Kingston ,
Mr. *Henry Wall*.

South-Kingston ;
Mr. *Jeffrey Hazzard*.
Col. *Thomas Hazzard*.

East-Greenwich ;
None.

Jamestown ;
Joseph Clark, Esq;

Smithfield ;
John Aldrich, Esq;
Thomas Owen, Esq;

Seituate ;
None.

Glocetter ;
Col. *Richard Smith*.

Charlestown ;
Col. *Christopher Champlin*,
Capt. *Joseph Stanton*.

West-Greenwich ;
Jeremiah Ellis, Esq;

Thomas Cranston, Esq; was chosen Speaker :

And Mr. *Jofias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

Mr. *Preserved Hall*

Coventry ;
None..

Exeter ;
Capt. *John Reynolds*.

Middletown ;
Capt, *John Burker*,
Handley Chipman, Esq;

Bristol ;
Joseph Russel, Esq;
Capt. *Simon Davis*.

Tiverton ;
Samuel Dursley, Esq;
Mr. *Edward Wanton*.

Little-Compton ;
William Hall, Esq;
Mr. *Richard Greenbil*.

Warren ;
Capt. *John Adams*,
Benjamin Miller, Esq;

Cumberland ;
None.

Richmond ;
None.

WHEREAS all and every of the Persons whose Names hereafter follow, have taken the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the Colony-Law, against Bribery and Corruption, in the Choice of Officers in this Colony : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all and every of them be, and they are hereby admitted to give their Votes to chuse Officers for their respective Towns, and also to give their Votes in the Choice of the General Officers of the Government.

NEWPORT:

Peleg Clark, John Warren (Son of Joseph) William Allen the Carver, Abiah Brownel, George Burkmaster, Joseph Wanton, jun. (Son of Joseph) Thomas Coraell, James Linscomb, and John Hicks.

PROVI.

PROVIDENCE;

John Jenckes, jun. Christopher Hopkins, Joseph Dexter. John Lawrence, Grindal Rawson, Isaac Corey, Joseph Lawrence, Ezra Hutchins, Alexander Frazier, jun. Ephraim Wheaton, Jeremiah Brown, Noah Whipple, Benjamin Brown, John Hartshorn, Ephraim Carpenter, John Sheldon, Thomas Simmons, Nehemiah Allen, Elisha Green, jun. Joseph Sweeting, John Sweet, John Scott, Samuel Angel, Zachariah Eddy, Abraham Smith, Job Hawkins, James Thurber, Anthony Field, Levi Simmons, John King, Thomas Manchester, jun. Josiah Westcott, Elijah Bacon, George Beverly, Joseph Thornton, jun. David Burr, Joseph Carpenter, Ephraim Congdon, Job Sheldon, Israel Gorton, jun. Robert Magill, Stephen Jackson, George Jackson, Daniel Snow, James Snow, Ezekiel Williams, Giles Peckham, Isaac Belknap, Cornelius Easton, jun. and Peter Stone.

PORTSMOUTH;

Giles Cook, and Peleg Sisson.

WARWICK;

Amos Warner, Joseph Green, John Lippit, Solomon Howard, Peleg Rice, James Converse, James Arnold (Son of Elisha) and Thomas Tibbits.

WESTERLY;

William Smith, William Pendleton, jun. Joseph Green, Edward Bliven, jun. Elisha Clark, Jonathan Wells, John Robinson, Thomas Brand jun. Samuel Champlin, Joseph Clark, jun. William Hilcox, jun. John Burdick, and Peter Kinyon.

SOUTH-KINGSTON;

John Records, Christopher Robinson, George Wilson, Oliver Helme, Samuel Seagers, Job Card, Francis Tanner, Matthew Robinson, John Crandal, Isaac Sheldon, Job Card, jun. John Douglas, Jonathan Shearman, jun. and Samuel Hopkins.

EAST-GREENWICH;

Samuel Tarbox, Fones Whitlord, Preserved Pearce, jnn. Robert Baley, Francis Barker, Nathanael Briggs, John Roberts, John Nichols, Robert Vaughan, and John Tarbox.

SMITHFIELD;

Stephen Arnold, jun. Daniel Aldrich, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Medberry, Richard Sayles, Hezekiah Sprague, Jacob Smith, Francis Herrenden, Philip Loja, John Cumstock, Daniel Mowrey, jun. Simeon Brown, David Arnold, Jonathan Sayles, and David Smith.

SCITUATE;

John Colvin, Nathanael Wells, Ezekiel Westcott, and Levi Preston.

GLOU.

G L O C E S T E R ;

Jonathan Harris, Rufus Smith, Ephraim Pearce, and Ebenezer Darling.

C H A R L E S T O W N ;

Samuel Burdick, Salter Pulman, Samuel Burdick, jun. Amos Lewis, John Stanton, and Joseph Wilcox.

W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

James Briggs, and Job Herrington.

C O V E N T R Y ;

Matthew Patrick, Willson Key, Aaron Bowen, jun. Thomas Whaley, Samuel Greene, Thomas Waterman, Josias Streeter, Timothy Green, and John Green (*Son of Ebenezer*).

E X E T E R ;

Jonathan Lewis, and Stephen Albro.

M I D D L E T O W N ;

William Turner, jun. Thomas Gould, jun. Thomas Coggeshall, jun. and William Baily.

B R I S T O L ;

Leveret Hubbard, Samuel Church, Joseph Eddy, Daniel Waldron, Jonathan Munday, William Emmerson, and Aaron Bourn.

L I T T L E - C O M P T O N ;

Ichabod Stodard, Eliphalet Davenport, John Bennet, George Wood, John Wood, jun. and Nathanael Pearce.

T I V E R T O N ;

Lovett Briggs, and Thomas Tabor.

W A R R E N ;

William Cole, Nathanael Peck, jun. Nathanael Toogood, and John Davis.

C U M B E R L A N D ;

James Tilson, Andrew Dexter, Ichabod Scott, Jeremiah Scott, Elisha Ballou, Benjamin Farrington, and Jonathan Gaskill.

R I C H M O N D ,

David Larkin, Thomas Potter, jun. and John Thomas.



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NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;		JEFFREY WATSON, Esq;	
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;			

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT ;		Mr. <i>Elisba Brown</i> ,
<i>Edward Scott</i> , Esq;	§	<i>Daniel Jencks</i> , Esq ;
<i>Thomas Cranston</i> , Esq;	§	
<i>Peter Bours</i> , Esq;	§	Portsmouth ;
Mr. <i>Job Bennet</i> , jun.	§	<i>William Anthony</i> , jun. Esq;
Capt. <i>William Mumford</i> ,	§	<i>John Allen</i> , Esq;
<i>Nicholas Easton</i> , Esq;	§	<i>Caleb Hill</i> , Esq;
	§	Mr. <i>Gideon Freeborn</i> , jun.
Providence ;	§	Warwick ;
<i>Jonathan Randall</i> , Esq;	§	<i>John Greene</i> , Esq;

Capt. *Randal Rice*,
Major *John Rhodes*,
Benjamin Arnold, Esq;

Westerly ;
Jeshua Babcock, Esq;
Mr. *Joshua Clark*.

Newshorcham ;
Mr. *Edmund Sheffield*,
Mr. *John Pain*.

North-Kingston ;
Mr. *Henry Wall*.

South-Kingston ;
Mr. *Jeffrey Hazard*,
Col. *Thomas Hazard*.

East-Greenwich ;
Joseph Nichols, Esq;
John Fry, Esq;

Jamestown ;
Joseph Clark, Esq;

Smithheld ;
John Aldrich, Esq;
Thomas Owen, Esq;

Scituate ;
Job Randal Esq,
Capt. *Thomas Relpb*.

Glocetter ;
Col. *Richard Smith*.
Capt. *Joseph Windfor*.

Charlestown ;
Col. *Christopher Champlin*,
Capt. *Joseph Stanton*.

West-Greenwich ;
Jeremiah Ellis, Esq;
Mr. *Preserved Hall*.

Coventry ;
Mr. *John Greene*,
Capt. *John Ellerton*.

Exeter ;
Capt. *John Reynolds*,
Nicholas Gardner, Esq;

Middletown ;
Capt, *John Barker*,
Handley Chipman, Esq;

Bristol ;
Joseph Ruffel, Esq;
Capt. *Simon Davis*.

Tiverton ;
Samuel Durfey, Esq;
Mr. *Edward Wanton*.

Little-Compton ;
William Hall, Esq;
Mr. *Richard Greenbil*.

Warren ;
Capt. *John Adams*,
Benjamin Miller, Esq;

Cumberland ;
Job Bartlet, Esq;
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;

Richmond ;
Capt. *Joseph Enos*, jun.
Mr. *Simson Perry*.

Thomas Cranston, Esq; was chosen Speaker :

And Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen to serve the Colony in the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively.

The

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor ; *Engag'd.*
 The Hon. JOSEPH WHIPPLE, Esq; Dep. Governor ; *Engag'd.*
John Tillinghast, Esq; first Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Jonathan Nichols, Esq; second Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Nicholas Cook, Esq; third Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Jabez Bowen, Esq; fourth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Stephen Brownel, Esq; fifth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Robert Lawton, Esq; sixth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Jeremiah Lippit, Esq; seventh Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
William Richmond, Esq; eighth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Daniel Coggeshall, Esq; ninth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Jeffrey Watson, Esq; tenth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Thomas Ward, Esq; Secretary ; *Engag'd.*
Daniel Updike, Esq; Attorney General ; *Engag'd.*
Thomas Richardson, Esq; General Treasurer ; *Engag'd.*

<i>Stephen Hopkins</i> , Esq; chief	} Judge or the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and through- out the Colony.
<i>Jonathan Randal</i> , Esq; second	
<i>William Richmond</i> , Esq; third	
<i>Joseph Russell</i> , Esq; fourth	
<i>Joseph Clark</i> , Esq; fifth	

Col. *Samuel Lyndon*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Col. *Christopher Harris*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Col. *William Pendleton*, Col. of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*.

Col. *Joseph Stafford*, Col. of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Lieut. Col. *John Burrington*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Lieut. Col. *Resolved Waterman*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Lieut. Col. *Ephraim Gardner*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*.

Lieut. Col. *Stephen Low*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Major *Wing Spooner*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Maj. *Samuel Currie*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Maj. *Latham Clark*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*.

Maj. *John Arnold*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Edward

Edward Scott, Peter Bours, Daniel Gould, Caleb Hill, and William Anthony, jun. Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Newport*.

Daniel Jencks, Job Randal, Thomas Lapham, Thomas Arnold, and Richard Steere, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Providence*.

Stephen Hazzard, Immanuel Northup, James Helme, Thomas Brown, and Penoni Hall, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Kings County*.

Jonathan Peck, Matthew Allen, James Mason, James Smith, and Thomas Green, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Bristol*.

Joseph Nichols, John Fry, John Green, Rufus Green, and John Holden, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Kent*.

Joseph Scott, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

David Wilkinson, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*.

Nathanael Bosworth, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Benjamin Arnold, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

The Hon. *Gideon Wanton, Benjamin Nichols, James Sheffield, Obediah Brown, Samuel Chace, James Arnold, George Brown, Nicholas Easton, and Benjamin Hazzard, Esqrs.* the Grand Committee, or Trustees of the Colony, for signing Bills of Public Credit, &c.

And the aforesaid *Benjamin Nichols* is also chosen and appointed to have and take the Care and Charge of the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages, and to receive the Money due and to be due thereon; and also to make and give proper Acquittances and Discharges on the Mortgages, or otherwise, upon the Receipt of any of the Colony's Money: And in case of Non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as shall refuse or omit to make due Payment.

JUSTICES of the several Towns.

NEWPORT:

Abraham Borden, Samuel Collins, Charles Bardin, Jeremiah Clark, Thomas Ward, Peter Easton, Martin Howard, and Joseph Sylvester.

PROVIDENCE;

George Taylor, Henry Harris, Christopher Harris, Edward Sheldon, Zuriel Waterman, Joseph Harris, William Burton, Joseph Snow, Ebenezer Jenckes, Matthew Manchester, Richard Waterman, and James Angel.

PORTS-

P O R T S M O U T H ;

William Hall, Robert Dennis, Caleb Allen, Matthew Slocum, and Thomas Brownel.

W A R W I C K ;

James Greene, Stephen Low, Othniel Gorton, and Robert Westgate.

W E S T E R L Y ;

William Herne, Benjamin Randal, Joseph Crandal, jun. Benoni Smith, John Larkin, and Daniel Macoon.

N O R T H - K I N G S T O N ;

Edward Dyre, jun. Samuel Thomas, James Eldred, Stephen Card, Nicholas Northup, jun. Elisha Clarke, and Samuel Albro.

S O U T H - K I N G S T O N ;

Samuel Tift, jun. John Case, Benedict Helme, Silas Niles, and John Albro.

E A S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

William Spenier, John Langford, John Olin, Samuel Soul, and Thomas Corey.

S M I T H F I E L D ;

William Arnold, Thomas Sayles, Thomas Steere, William Jenckes, John Aldrich, and Thomas Owens.

S C I T U A T E ;

Gideon Harris, Charles Harris, and John Fisk.

G L O C E S T E R ;

Andrew Brown, Timothy Wilmott, Joseph Windsor, Benj. Smith, and James Cowens.

C H A R L E S T O W N ;

John Hall, Nathanael Lewis, and Robert Potter.

W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

Jeremiah Ellis, Samuel Hopkins, William Cumstock, and Philip Greene.

C O V E N T R Y ;

Elisha Johnson, Samuel Cooper, Caleb Greene, George Hall, Thomas Matthewson, and Randal Rice.

E X E T E R ;

Nicholas Gardner, Job Tripp, Benjamin Mowrey, Thoma. Casey, and Newman Perkins.

M I D D L E T O W N ;

Thomas Gould, Edward Eaton, John Barker, and Joshua Coggeshall, jun..

B R I S T O L ;

Shearjashub Bowen, George Dunbar, Nathanael Tales, Nathanael Pearce, and William Munro.

T I V E R T O N ;

Joseph Anthony, Philip Tabor, Restcomb Sanford, Benjamin Durfey, and Samuel Hickes.

L I T T L E - C O M P T O N ;

Nathanael Searl, Joseph Wood, Robert Taylor, and Jeremiah Brownel.

W A R R E N ;

Benjamin Miller, John Kinnicut, John Cole, Peter Bicknel, and John Adams.

C U M B E R L A N D ;

Job Bartlet, Samuel Bartlet, John Dexter, and Jeremiah Whipple.

R I C H M O N D ;

Stephen Richmond, John Webster, Samuel Tift, Elifsha Babcock, and Sylvester Kinyon.

Mr. *Edward Thurston*, General Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Capt. *William Mumford*, Capt. of Fort George.

Henry Paget, Esq; Notary-Public for the County of *Providence*.

O F F I C E R S to command the several Companies of Militia or train d Bands, in each Town in the Colony.

N E W P O R T ; First Company :

Jonathan Heath, *Captain* ; James Tanner, *Lieutenant* ; Christopher Lindley, *Ensign*.

Second Company : Benjamin Sherburn, *Captain* ; Kendal Nichols, jun. *Lieutenant* ; John Simpson, jun. *Ensign*.

Third Company : Daniel Dunham, jun. *Captain* ; John Pitman, *Lieutenant* ; Henry Blifs, *Ensign*.

Fourth Company : Oliver Beer, *Captain* ; Richard Whitehorn, *Lieutenant* ; Zephaniah Pease, *Ensign*.

P R O V I D E N C E ; First Company :

Benjamin Eddy, *Captain* ; Joseph Bucklin, *Lieutenant* ; John Field, jun. *Ensign*.

Second Company : John Clarke, *Captain* ; John Warner, *Lieutenant* ; William Dyre, *Ensign*.

Third Company : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Choice of Officers for this Company be, and it is hereby referred to the next Session of this Assembly.

Fourth Company : John Hoyle, *Captain* ; John Pain, *Lieutenant* ; William Dexter, *Ensign*.

Fifth Company : Charles Higginbotham, *Captain* ; Jonathan Knight, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Daniel Burlingham, *Ensign*.

Sixth Company : Ifaiah Hawkin, *Captain* ; Charles Olney, *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Olney (Son of Thomas) *Ensign*.

P O R T S -

P O R T S M O U T H :

Clark Cornel, *Captain* ; John Fish, *Lieutenant* ; John Shreve, jun. *Ensign*.

W A R W I C K ; First Company :

James Arnold, jun. *Captain* ; Simon Arnold, *Lieutenant* ; John Waterman, *Ensign*.

Second Company : Ebenezer Green, *Captain* ; Benjamin Sweet, *Lieutenant* ; James Cooke, *Ensign*.

Third Company : Richard Estis, *Captain* ; Thomas Rice, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Silas Baker, *Ensign*.

W E S T E R L Y ;

First Company : Elias Thompton, *Captain* ; John Lewis the third, *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Clark, *Ensign*.

Second Company : Hubbard Burdick (Son of Robert) *Captain* ; John Maccoon, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Roger White, *Ensign*.

Third Company : Samuel Gaver, *Captain*, Stephen Saunders, *Lieutenant*, Edward Saunders, *Ensign*.

Fourth Company : Matthew Green, *Captain*, Edward Wells, jun. *Lieutenant*, Daniel Maccoon, jun. *Ensign*.

N E W - S H O R E H A M Company :

John Dodge, *Captain*, Joshua Sands, *Lieutenant*, Abel Franklin, *Ensign*.

N O R T H K I N G S T O N ;

First Company : Arthur Aylsworth, *Captain*, George Whitman, jun. *Lieutenant*, Samuel Spink, *Ensign*.

Second Company : Samuel Brownel, jun. *Captain*, Eber Shearman (Son of William) *Lieutenant*, John Card, *Ensign*.

Third Company : James Boone, *Captain*, John Brown, *Lieutenant*, Henry Spenser, *Ensign*.

S O U T H - K I N G S T O N ;

First Company : William Congdon (Son of Joseph) *Captain*, Caleb Hazard, *Lieutenant*, Nathanael Mumford, *Ensign*.

Second Company : James Shearman, *Captain*, John Wilson, *Lieutenant*, Sanford Cale, *Ensign*.

Third Company : Nathanael Tift, *Captain*, James Barber, *Lieutenant*, John Babcock (the third) *Ensign*.

E A S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Choice of Officers for both Companies in this Town be, and it is hereby referred to the next Session of this Assembly.

J A M E S T O W N Company :

Samuel Slocum, *Captain*. George Franklin, *Lieutenant*, Benjamin Carr (Son of Edward Carr deceased) *Ensign*.

S M I T H F I E L D ;

First Company : John Angel, *Captain*, William Brown, *Lieutenant*, Elisha Sayles, *Ensign*.

Second Company : Daniel Arnold, *Captain*, John Sayles, *Lieutenant*, Stephen Arnold, *Ensign*.

Third Company : Enoch Barnes, *Captain*, Samuel Aldrich, *Lieutenant*, Sylvanus Sayles, *Ensign*.

S C I T U A T E :

S C I T U A T E,

First Company : Amos Hammond, *Captain*, John Fisk, *Lieutenant*, Christopher Ralph, *Ensign*.

Second Company : Samuel Dorrence, *Captain*; George Dorrence, *Lieutenant*; John Herrenden, *Ensign*.

Third Company : John Smith, *Captain*; Joshua Angel, *Lieutenant*, Timothy Hopkins, *Ensign*.

G L O C E S T E R :

First Company : Edward Bishop, *Captain*; Hezekiah Bowen, *Lieutenant*, Abraham Smith, *Ensign*.

Second Company : Joseph Olney, *Captain*, John Rofs, *Lieutenant*; Rufus Smith, *Ensign*.

C H A R L E S T O W N

Peleg Cross, *Captain*. Enoch Kinyon, jun. *Lieutenant*, Nathanael Sheffield, *Ensign*.

W E S T - G R E E N W I C H;

First Company : John Niles, *Captain*, Tibbit Hopkins, *Lieutenant*; Nicholas Whitford (Son of Patco) *Ensign*.

Second Company : Jonathan Matthewson, *Captain*; Griffin Sweet, *Lieutenant*; Thomas Weight, *Ensign*.

C O V E N T R Y:

First Compsny : Jonathan Nichols, *Captain*, Thomas Stafford (Son of Thomas) *Lieutenant*, John Johnson, jun. *Ensign*.

Second Company : Caleb Vaughan, *Captain*, John Green (Son of Daniel) *Lieutenant*, Joseph Weaver, jun. *Ensign*.

E X E T E R;

First Company : Job Herrenden, *Captain*; Samuel Rogers, *Lieutenant*; Benjamin Reynolds, *Ensign*.

Second Company : John Rathburn (the third) *Captain*, Daniel Barber, *Lieutenant*, William Barber, *Ensign*.

M I D D L E T O W N Company :

William Blifs, *Captain*, James Barker the third, *Lieutenant*, James Peckham, *Ensign*.

B R I S T O L Company.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Choice of Officers for this Company be, and it is hereby referred unto the next Session of this Assembly.

T I V E R T O N;

First Company : William Manchetter (Son of John) *Captain*; Joseph Crandal, *Lieutenant*, George Cooke, *Ensign*.

Second Company : William Cooke, *Captain*, John Thomas, *Lieutenant*, Oliver Cooke, *Ensign*.

L I T T L E - C O M P T O N Company;

Benjamin Simmonds, *Captain*, Thomas Brownel, jun. *Lieutenant*, Moses Palmer, *Ensign*.

W A R R E N Company;

Solomon Peck, *Captain*, John Eastabrook, *Lieutenant*, James Brown, *Ensign*.

CUMBERLAND Company;

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Choice of Officers for this Company be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session of this Assembly,

RICHMOND Company;

Nicholas Larkin, *Captain*, William Potter, jun. *Lieutenant*, Edward James, *Ensign*.

NEWPORT Troop of Horse:

Samuel Bayley, *Captain*, William Briggs (Son of Job) *Lieutenant*, Israel Shaw, *Cornet*.

PROVIDENCE Troop of Horse

William Dean, *Captain*, Eliphalet Philbrook, *Lieutenant*, James Field, *Cornet*.

Nicholas Easton, Esq; a Town's Committee--Man for the Town of Newport, in Stead of the late George Wanton, Esq; decess'd.

Mr. Joshua Clarke, a Town's Committee-Man for Westerly, in the Room of Col. Joseph Pendleton.

Samuel Thomas, and Edward Dyce. jun. Esqrs. Town's Committee Men for North-Kingston, in the Room of Daniel Coggeshall and John Congdon, Esqrs. who refused.

Mr. Simeon Perry, a Town's Committee-Man for Richmond, in the Room of Capt Joseph Enos, jun. who refused.

Giles Pearce, Esq; a Town's Committee-Man for East-Greenwich, in the Room of the late Thomas Spenser, Esq; decess'd.

BE it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That from time to time, and at all Times forever hereafter, Town's Committee-Men shall be chosen as often as Occasion shall require: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary in anywise, notwithstanding.

Whereas Ann and James Franklin exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Acts and Orders made and past by the General Assembly at their Session in February last, and furnishing Paper for the Work, and printing One Hundred Copies of *A Bill to prevent keeping disorderly Houses*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Forty-two Pounds* the Amount thereof, be paid the said Ann and James Franklin out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the King's Attorney sue to such Court as he shall think proper, for the Money that yet remains in the Hands of the Committee who were appointed to pay off the Soldiers raised for the Expedition intended against Canada.

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Whereas Messrs. *Weeden* and *Bennet* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for Bunting, and making a Pendent and Flag for Fort George, the first in *October*, 1752, and the last on the second Day of this Month : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *One Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Weeden* and *Bennet* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; and Mr. *Matthew Robinson*, were appointed to prosecute unto final Judgment and Execution, the Action bro't by the Government against *Jahleel Brenton*, Esq; and *Stephen Brownel* and *Jeremiah Niles*, Esqs together with Mr. *Benjamin Peckham*, jun. were constituted a Committee to procure proper Vouchers in said Case, and give such Assistance as they were capable of, throughout the Tryal of said Suit ; which said Committee declining to give any further Assistance in the Premises, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid *Benjamin Nichols* and *James Sheffield*, Esqs. be, and they are hereby appointed in the Room of the said Committee, for the End and Purpose aforesaid : And that the Referrees in said Case, be desired by the said Committee to meet on the second Monday of *June* next, if they can, or otherwise as soon after that Time as possible.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *William Richmond*, Esq; Capt. *Joseph Harrison* and Capt. *John Brown* of *Newport*, *George Brown* and *Daniel Jenckes*, Esqs. of *Providence*, Col. *Thomas Huzard* of *South Kingston*, *Joseph Nichols*, Esq; of *East-Greenwich*, and *Joseph Russell*, Esq; of *Bristol*, &c. and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to inspect into the Circumstances and Stores of *Fort George*, and consider what will be the Charge of putting the same into good Repair, and make Report to this Assembly at this or their next Session.

An ACT for repealing one Clause in an Act, entituled, *An ACT to prevent unlawful Gaming*, made in the Twenty-third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, and for making some other Provision for preventing those Disorders.

WH E R E A S in said Act it is declared, That if any Tavern-keeper, Innholder, or keeper of any Public House, shall keep up in his or her House, any Billiard Table, or Shuffle-board Table, for the Space of one Month after the Publication of said Act, the Town Council
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of such Town where such Innholder, Tavern-keeper, or keeper of other Public House dwells, shall withdraw his or her Licence, and render him or her incapable of keeping a Public House forever thereafter : And whereas, it is apprehended that imposing a proper Fine against such Offenders for the first Offence, and for the second Offence, rendering such Trespasser incapable of keeping a Public House forever thereafter, would have greater Effect in answering the good Ends and Intentions designed by said Act.

BE it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That the last Clause in said Act be, and it is hereby declared null and void : That for the future, if any Tavernkeeper, Innholder, or keeper of any Public House, shall keep in his or her House, any Billiard-table or Shuffle-board Table, for the Space of one Month after the Publication of this Act, they shall for the first Offence pay the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, to be recovered and appropriated in the same Form and Manner as is directed in other Parts of said Act, made for the Preventing unlawful Gaming, and for the second Offence, pay the Sum of One Hundred Pounds ; and also the Town-Council of such Town where such Offender dwells, shall withdraw his or her Licence, and render him or her incapable of keeping a Public House forever thereafter.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Obediah Brown and Samuel Chace, Esqrs. two of the Grand Committee, be, and they are hereby ordered to attend the next Superior Court to be held in the County of Bristol, within the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, to give Evidence against the Persons there to be tried for counterfeiting Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony, and to summon such Witnesses to attend said Court, as they shall think proper.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of the Lower House, and John Tillinghast, Esq; be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to receive the Stores of Fort George, &c. from its late Commander, and deliver the same to the present Captain thereof, giving and taking Receipts.

Whereas the Time limited for the Towns of *Providence, Smithfield, Scituate, Gloucester, and Cumberland*, each of them choosing a Person to meet and agree upon some proper Place for erecting a Work-House, &c. is elapsed : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That a Person be chosen by each of said Towns for the Purpose aforesaid, on or before the tenth Day of June next.*

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This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolve.
 That all Businels lying before them unfinished, be, and it is hereby
 referred to their next Session : That the Secretary proclaim in
Newport by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made
 and past, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which
 is hereby adjourned to the second Monday of *June* next.

Newport, May 10. 1753.

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GOVERNOR and COMPANT of the English
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations,
in New-England, in America ; begun and held at
Newport by Adjournment, on the second Monday of
June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three ;
and in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Most
Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of
G O D, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King,
Defender of the Faith, &c.*

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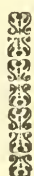
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Col. Christopher Champlin,
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Mr. Edward Wanton.

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William Hall, Esq;
Mr. Richard Greenbil.

Warren ;
Benjamin Miller, Esq;

Cumberland ;
Job Bartlet, Esq;
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;

Richmond :
Capt. Joseph Enos, jun.
Mr. Simeon Perry.

Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.

Whereas

Whereas *James Sheffield*, Esq; late Captain of Fort George, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for Wood, a Wheel-barrow, Nails, and other Necessaries by him provided and furnished to and for the Use of said Fort, and its Appurtenances : And this Assembly having duly examined said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *One Hundred and Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Sheffield* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to erect a new Goal and Goal-house in *Providence*, be, and they are hereby impowered to draw out of the General Treasury, the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, to be appropriated towards carrying on said Building.

Whereas *Joseph Irefon* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for his Time, Trouble, Horse-hire, and Expence, in a Journey by him made on public Business, to *Mr. Sylvester Richmond* in *Dighton* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Ten Pounds Ten Shillings*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Irefon* out of the General Treasury.

An ACT to alter the Time of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of *Kent*.

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof
It is Enacted, That for the future, the Time for holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*, shall annually be the third Tuesday of *July* and *January* ; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding, saving only that the Sitting of the next Court be on the second Tuesday of *July*.

The Gentlemen who were appointed a Committee to receive of *James Sheffield*, Esq; late Captain of Fort George, all the Stores, &c. belonging to said Fort, and deliver the same to Capt. *William Mumford*, the present Commander thereof, made the following Report :

“ *WE* the Subscribers, being by the General Assembly appointed a Committee, to receive of Capt. *James Sheffield*,
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all the Stores at Fort George, and deliver the same to Capt. *William Mumford*, do Report : We have in the Presence of Capt. *James Sheffield*, delivered to Capt. *William Mumford* (as per his Receipt) all the Stores agreeable to this List hereto annex'd, viz.

In the Lower Battery, viz.

24 Cannon, 24 Carriages, 868 Cannon Shot.

On the Platform, &c.

12 Cannon, 12 Carriages, 50 Handpikes, 1 Speaking Trumpet, 10 Worms, 5 spare Wheels, 31 Spung Staffs, 1 Pendent, 1 Flag, 1 Grindstone, 2 Iron Crow, 2 Wheel-barrows, 874 Cannon Shot, 8 Iron Pots, 1 Frying Pan, 1 Wood-Ax, 2 Pick-Axes, 74 Shot Four Pounds each.

In the Magazine,

2 half Barrels of Powder, and some loose Powder in a Cask.

In the Chamber,

6 Ladles, 14 Pair of Pistols, 13 Worms, 17 Small Arms, 28 Linch Stocks, 1 old Drum, 9 Cartridge Boxes, 9 Powder Boxes, 17 Cartouch Boxes, 4 half Barrels of Granada Shells, 1 small Cask of Pistol Catridges, 5 Formers, a few empty Cartridges, 4 Cutlasses, a small Parcel of Pistol Ball, 1 Perspective Glass.

In the State Room,

13 Chairs and 1 Table.

Outside of the Fort, viz.

1 Triangle Gin, one Rowing Boat at the Wharf.

Dated Newport, May 17. 1753.

*John Tillingbast,
Thomas Cranston."*

Fort George in Newport. Received of the abovesaid Committee into my Care, all the Stores agreeable to the above List. Witness my Hand this 17th Day of May, 1753.

William Mumford.

To which Report, the Committee added the following Account.

Colony of Rhode-Island,	-	-	-	-	Dr.---
To our Time and Trouble,	-	-	-	-	£. 600

Newport, May 17. 1753.

*John Tillingbast,
Thomas Cranston.*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted ; and also that the Account of the Committee be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Six Pounds* the Amount thereof, be paid the Gentlemen out of the General Treasury.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. Samuel Dorrence be, and he is hereby chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Scituate, in the Room of John Tyler, Esq; who refused the Year past.

Whereas this Assembly and Jableel Brenton, Esq; have mutually agreed. That Mr. Stephen Greenleaf of Boston in New-England, Merchant, should be the third Person (in the Room and Stead of Mr. Peter Oliver, who hath refused) for determining the Controversy now pending between this Colony and the aforesaid Jableel Brenton: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Superior Court of Judicature be, and they are hereby required to admit the aforesaid Stephen Greenleaf a third Person for the Ends and Purposes aforesaid.

An ACT for naturalizing Peter Francis D'Heurtin.

W H E R E A S Peter Francis D'Heurtin of Newport, in the County of Newport, in the Colony aforesaid, Merchant, late a Subject of his most Christian Majesty, represented unto this Assembly, That for ten Years last past, he hath chiefly resided in this Colony, and as his proper Business, as well as Inclination, lead him to settle and continue therein, he hath a Desire to submit himself altogether to the Protection of the King of Great-Britain, and become his Subject: And thereupon prayed, an Act of Naturalization might be passed in his Favour,

AND this Assembly having taken the Matter into Consideration, Do Vote and Enact, and it is hereby Voted and Enacted, That the said Peter Francis D'Heurtin be, and he is hereby naturalized, and forever hereafter shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, naturalized; and is rendered and made equal in every Respect, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony, provided he take the State Oaths, and all other Oaths by Law required.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Captain of Fort George be, and he is hereby appointed to repair the Wharff on Goat Island, and also the Boat belonging to said Fort, at the Charge of the Colony.

Whereas it appeareth to this Assembly, by the Evidence of Mr. Rouse Helme, that John Martin of Jamestown, hath treated this Assembly in a very gross, abusive, and scandalous Manner, which is a great Insult upon their Dignity and Authority: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve*, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That a Precept be forthwith issued and directed to the Sheriff of

the County of *Newport*, or his Deputy, commanding him to apprehend the said *John Martin*, and him bring before this Assembly, to be examined and dealt with according to his Demerits.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Job Benner, jun. one of the Deputies of the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, shall have Liberty to return into the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, all such Executions as are in his Hands, and were returnable to said Court at their last Session in the County of *Kent*.

An ACT for the more easily Recovering of small Debts, and for preventing unnecessary Charges in Law Suits in this Colony.

WHEREAS by the Method now in Practice for recovering of small Debts in this Colony, the Costs and Charges thereon often amount to more than such Debts, whereby many of the poorer Sort of Persons are often bro't to great Distress :

For Preventing whereof for the future,

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, the Justices of the Peace or Wardens, or any Two of them, inhabiting in any Town in this Colony, where any Action or Suit shall happen or arise, shall have full Power and Authority to hear, try, and determine all Actions of the Case, Debt, Account, Detinue, and Trespass (where the Title of Lands and Hereditaments are not in Dispute) and where the Debt or Damage do not amount to more than *Ten Pounds*, and to award Judgment and Execution thereon (the Colony Bonds excepted) saving always the Liberty of an Appeal as heretofore by Law is established ; and the Writ issued out in such Cases, shall be directed to the Sheriff, his Deputy, or either of the Town Sergeants or Constables, in the County where such Action shall happen or arise, and shall be duly served at least six Days before the Day appointed for Tryal.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Person or Persons shall be sued as aforesaid, that such Person or Persons so sued, shall have the Liberty to go before any Justice of the Peace or Warden, with the said Officer, and there conels Judgment on such Writ ; and such Justice of the Peace or Warden is hereby impowered to record such Confession, and to tax the lawful Costs, and to grant Execution thereon, upon the Plaintiff's complying with the Laws of this Colony ; which Execution so granted, shall be returned to the Officer that grants
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the same, or to his Successor, within forty Days next after granted,

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Justice of the Peace or Warden, shall take for recording such Confession Four Shillings, and Eight Shillings for granting Execution, and the Officer who serves either Writ or Execution, shall take the Fees as are already established by Law.

AND be it further Enacted, That there be allowed to every Plaintiff or Defendant recovering Judgment, and every Evidence attending Justices Courts, Eight Shillings per Day, and that there be allowed to the Justices holding said Courts, Four Shillings for entering every Action: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary thereof, in anywise, notwithstanding.

An ACT for setting up a Lottery to raise a Sum of Money in order to compleat the Court-House in the County of Kent, erect a Fence round the Prison Yard in said County, and for repairing the Bridge in Scituate, and that called Hunt's Bridge.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly, That the Court-House in the County of Kent remains yet unfinished, and that there is great Necessity of erecting a Fence round the Prison Yard in said County, and that the Bridge in Scituate is very much out of Repair, and that no Provision is yet made for finishing said Court House, erecting said Fence, or repairing said Bridge,

IT is therefore Voted and Enacted, for the Detraying the Charges thereof, That a Public Lottery be set forth, of Thirty Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, according to the following Scheme, to consist of 7500 Tickets, at Four Pounds Old-Tenor each.

Here followeth the SCHEME referred to above.

1	of	1000	is	1000
2	of	500	are	1000
4	of	400	are	1600
5	of	300	are	1500
6	of	200	are	1200
15	of	100	are	1500
40	of	50	are	2000
100	of	20	are	2000
400	of	15	are	6000
1200	of	10	are	12000
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1770 Prizes.			First drawn	100
5730 Blanks.			Last Ditto	100
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7500 Tickets.				30000

ALL the Prizes shall be subject to a Deduction of Twelve and an Half *per Cent.* to be applied to the Purposes aforesaid (that is to say) Two and Half *per Cent.* to the Directors for their Trouble, Five Hundred Pounds for repairing the Bridge in *Scituate*, and Two Hundred Pounds for and towards repairing that called *Hunt's Bridge*, and the Remainder for finishing the Court-House, and erecting a Board Fence round the Prison Yard in the County of *Kent*.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Nichols, Job Randall, and Rufus Greene, Esqrs.* be, and they are hereby appointed Directors of the said Lottery, and shall give Bond to the General Treasurer with sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds, for the faithful Performance of their Trust.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Drawing said Lottery shall begin on the second Monday of November next, at the Court-House in the County of *Kent*, if filled, whereof the Directors shall give Notice by public Advertisements, fourteen Days before the Drawing.

WHEREAS fundry of the Inhabitants of *Cumberland*, represented unto this Assembly, That said Town is almost twelve Miles in length, and but one Company or train'd Band therein; by Reason whereof, they are greatly incommoded in their Attending on Military Discipline; that there are in the List of said Company, the Names of almost Two Hundred Soldiers; and thereupon prayed, another Company or train'd Band may be set off and made in said Town, as the same will conduce to the general Interest and Advantage of the People: And this Assembly having taken the Affair into Consideration, Do Vote and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and it is hereby granted: And for the better effecting the Ends and Purposes aforesaid. Messrs. *Job Bartlet* and *Jeremiah Whipple*, are hereby constituted a Committee, to divide the Company aforesaid, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session.

The following Gentlemen were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively.

Lieut. Col. *Stephen Low*, Colonel; Maj. *John Arnold*, Lieutenant Colonel; and *James Greene* (Son of *Peter*) Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Joshua Clark, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings* County.

Justices of the Peace.

Barnabas Hargil for *Newport*.

Isaac Lawton for *Portsmouth*.

Samuel Stanton for *Charlestown*.

Officers

Officers in several Companies or train'd Bands.

John Hoyle, jun. Captain of the first Company in *Providence*.

Daniel Sprague, Captain ; *Samuel Windsor*, jun. Lieutenant ; and *Joseph Watermon*, jun. Ensign of the third Company in the Town of *Providence*.

John Lewis the third, Captain ; *Joseph Clark*, jun. Lieutenant ; *Eber Crandal*, Ensign of the first Company in *Westerly*.

Preserved Pearce, jun. Captain ; *Thomas Nichols* the third, Lieutenant ; *Thomas Langford* (Son of *John*) Ensign of the first Company in *East-Greenwich*.

John Gifford, Captain ; *Benjamin Sweet*, jun. Lieutenant ; *Silas Jones*, Ensign of the second Company in *East-Greenwich*.

Nathanael Pearce, Captain ; *John Throop*, jun. Lieutenant ; *John Reynolds* jun. Ensign of *Bristol* Company.

Daniel Wilkinson, Captain ; *Nathanael Whipple*, Lieutenant ; *Benjamin Tower*, Ensign of the first Company in *Cumberland*.

Gideon Tower, Captain ; *John Nicholson*, Lieutenant ; *Charles Capron*, Ensign of the second Company in *Cumberland*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Tillinghast* and *Thomas Cranston*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Naval Officer, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Peleg Rogers*, *Daniel Dunham*, and *Richard Wilson*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for sweeping and cleaning the Colony House last Year, and washing the Windows thereof, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Twenty-six Pounds Five Shillings*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peleg Rogers*, *Daniel Dunham*, and *Richard Wilson* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby *Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before them unfinished. be, and it is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary, within ten Days after their Rising, proclaim in *Newport* by Beat of Drum, the Acts and Orders now made and passed, and send Copies of them, together with Copies of those made and past at their Session in *May* last, to each Town in this Colony, agreeable to Law, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned to the third Monday of *August* next.

Newport, June 23. 1753. Published according to Order, by

THO. WARD, Secry.

A true Copy examined by
Thos Ward Secry



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations* in *New-England* in AMERICA ; begun and held at *Newport* by Adjournment, on the third Monday of *August*, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three*, and in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, &c.

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Peter Bours, Esq;
Mr. Job Bennet, jun.
Capt. William Mumford,
Nicholas Easton, Esq;



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Providence ;

Jonathan Randall, Esq;
Mr. Eliza Brown,
Daniel Jencks, Esq;
George Brown, Esq;
Portsmouth ;
William Anthony, jun. Esq;

John

An ACT impowering Overseer of the Poor to bind out idle or indigent Persons ; as also obliging the Overseers to serve, when chosen to the Office.

WHEREAS it is difficult to find Persons that are willing to serve as Overseers of the Poor, and no Penalty yet made for their Refusal,

For Remedy whereof,

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and it is hereby Enacted, That any Two of the Overseers of the Poor of any Town in this Colony, for the Time being, are hereby empowered to take any idle or indigent Person who hath a Family, and who by his ill Course of Life is like to become a Town Charge, and out such Person out to Service, either by the Month or Year, or if he be used to the Sea, to ship him a Voyage, and to receive such Person's Wages for his Service, and to deal the same out to his Family, or to his own Use, as the said Overseers shall judge they have Occasion for the same ; as also put out to Service, the Wife of any such idle or indigent Person, if she be disorderly : Likewise to put out any unmarried Person, whether Man, Woman, or Child, who are idle or indigent, or who by their ill Conduct are likely to become a Town Charge.

AND be it further Enacted, That if any Overseer of the Poor legally chosen to said Office, shall refuse to serve, that he shall pay as a Fine to and for the Use of the Town where he resides, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* ; to be recovered by him by the Town Treasurer of such Town, at the Court of Common Pleas in the County where such Town is ; and that no Overseer be obliged to serve in said Office, oftner than once in six Years : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof, in anywise, notwithstanding.

Whereas Ann and James Franklin exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, made and past at their Sessions in May and June, and furnishing Paper for that End ; which being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, and this Assembly do Vote and Resolve, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Fifty Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann and James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

And whereas the aforesaid *Ann and James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, another Account by them charged against the Government, amounting to *Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds Eighteen Shillings*

Shillings and Six Pence, for printing the Laws of the Colony stitching and cutting the same, &c. four Hundred and Ninety one in Number : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds* of the said Account be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Thomas Spenser* a Deputy Sheriff in the County of *Kent*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for executing a Precept issued to give Notice unto such as it concerned, of the Adjournment of the Superior Court in that County : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve. and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same it hereby allowed, and that *Seven Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Spenser* out of the General Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Jonathan Nichols* and *Daniel Jencks*, Esqrs with Mr. *William Read* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, for erecting another, Light-House with Stone or Brick, at the Place where that lately burnt down stood, as soon as they can conveniently : And that the said Committee make Use of all the Bricks at *Fort George*, or such Part of them as they shall think proper.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That *Three Hundred Pounds* be allowed and paid his Honour the Governor, and *Fifty Pounds* to his Honour the Deputy Governor, out of the General Treasury, for their last Year's Salaries and extraordinary Services.

AN ACT in Addition to an Act, made and past by the General Assembly, at their Session begun and held by Adjournment at *Newport*, on the second Monday of *June*, in the Twenty-third Year of His Majesty's Reign, *A. D. 1749*, entituled, *An ACT for the Establishing and Regulating of Fees.*

W Hereas one Paragraph in said Act for Coroner's Fees, is, that said Fees be paid out of the Estate of the Deceased, if any to be found, and no Provision is ~~made~~ respecting Children or Servants that have Parents or Masters.

*B*E it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That for the future, the Parents or Masters of such Children or Servants, shall pay the Charges of Inquest where they are of Ability, and if not, said Charge to be paid as prescribed in said Act.

Whereas

Whereas *John Martin* of *Jamestown*, was brought before this Assembly (when resolved into a Grand Committee) in Consequence of a Warrant issued against him at the last Session of this Assembly, for grossly and scandalously abusing them: And it being fully proved, that he the said *John Martin* is guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Martin* shall be forthwith committed, and closely confined to His Majesty's Goal in *Newport*, without the Use of Pen, Ink, and Paper; and that no Person but the Sheriff, shall without Leave of this Assembly, have Liberty to speak to, or confer with him on any Occasion whatever; and there to remain till further Orders from this Assembly: And the said *John Martin* was committed accordingly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *James Sheffield*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed one of the Committee for building another Light-House, in the Room of *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; who refused.

Whereas the Gentlemen of the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer, concerning the Light-House, presented this Assembly with the following Account and Report.

The Colony of Rhode-Island for Charges upon the Light-House, Dr--

1753.	T O Yeats and Caboon's Bill for painting		
July 20.	the Light-House,	-	£. 300 0 0
	To Joseph and Peter Harrison's Bill for Paints,	329 7 4	
	To Elisba Shearman's Bill for Oyl,	290 10 0	
	To Joseph Scott's Ditto,	253 4 0	
	To Thomas Bourn's Ditto,	13 4 0	
	{ To Cash paid Abel Franklin for two Year's Salary, commencing the first of October,		
	1752,	-	400 0 0
	To Joseph Scott's Bill for Oyl,	96 10 0	
	To Elisba Shearman Ditto,	100 12 0	
	To Ditto—Ditto,	42 16 0	
	To Robert Jenkins's Ditto,	30 0 0	
	To Samuel Carr for two Bills Freight Oyl,	4 17 0	
	To Robert Jenkins's Bill,	27 10 0	
	To the Naval-Officer, Five per Cent. upon the above Sum,	94 8 6	
	To Ballance due to the Colony,	175 18 5	
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			£. 2158 17 3

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{ Note. Perhaps the Gent.^{rs} are mistaken in saying 1752

The Colony of Rhode-Island for Charges upon the Light-House, Cr--

1753.	BY eight Barrels Oyl sold,	-	£.	145	0	0
July 20.	By 18,914 Tons Foreign Vessels. at 1/6			1418	11	0
	By 442 Coasters, at 10/.	-		221	0	0
	By old Ballance brought forward,			250	6	3
	By Oyl and Paint, sold <i>Yeats</i> and <i>Caboone</i> ,			124	0	0
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				£.	2158	17 3
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	By Ballance due to the Colony,	-		175	18	5

Newport, July 20. 1753.

“WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer, do Report, That we find due from said Officer to the Colony, *One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Five Pence*, as above stated.

John Tillinghast, } Committee.
Thomas Cranston, }

To which Report, the Committee subjoin'd the following Account.

<i>Colony,</i>	-	-	-	Dr.--
TO our Time in Settling the above Account,				£. 6 0 0

John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston.

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, and duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted, and *Six Pounds* the Amount of the Account of the Committee, be allowed and paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the General Treasurer, *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; hath represented unto this Assembly, that the Fees, &c. allowed him by Law, is not an adequate Compensation for the Labour and Pains he is obliged to take in the Execution of his Office; and thereupon prayed that an Allowance might be made him for his publick Services: And this Assembly having duly considered the Affair, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Thomas Richardson* may pay himself the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* out of the General Treasury, over and above his Salary for his last Year's Extraordinary Service.

Whereas *Humbrey Scammon* of *Kittery*, in the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, represented unto this Assembly, That in *November*, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight*, he carried

ried on a considerable Trade in Lumber, and thereby received several large Sums of Money in Bills of Credit of this Colony, as well as of the other Governments in *New-England*, to the Amount of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor* : That on the Twenty-seventh Day of the same Month, his House was casually burnt down, and therewith all his Monies, Accounts, Books and Papers, Bonds, Notes, and Receipts, of all Kinds ; that then being indebted to his Workmen and Labourers, he is unable to pay them ; that amongst his Money, he had one Parcel of about *Thirteen Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor*, in Bills of the several Provinces and Colonies of *New-England* ; and as he conceives, a considerable Part of said Sum consisted of Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony, but how much he cannot tell ; and upon the whole, prayed the compassionate Regards of this Assembly : Who having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds* be allowed and paid to the aforesaid *Humphrey Scammon* out of the Bills of Credit paid into the Grand Committee's Office by Tenths.

This Assembly do choose and appoint *Wesson Hicks* a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Portsmouth* in the County of *Newport*.

On the Twenty-third Day of *August*, *John Martin* of *Jamestown*, was brought before this Assembly, and made and signed the following Acknowledgment.

Newport, August 23. 1753.

I JOHN Martin, do hereby acknowledge, That I have grossly and scandalously slandered and abused this Honourable Assembly, for which I am heartily and sincerely sorry, and very humbly intreat Your Honours Pardon, and promise for the future, never to be guilty of the like Crime.

John Martin.

On Consideration whereof, this Assembly forgive the said *John Martin*, and dismiss him, he paying Costs.

Whereas *Samuel Chace*, Esq; hath informed this Assembly, That sundry Persons have been taken by Mr. Justice *Henry Bowen* of *Woodstock*, for uttering and passing Counterfeit Bills, in Imitation of the *Four Pound Bills* of this Colony, of the last Emission. *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That all due Encouragement be given by this Colony, for prosecuting and convicting the said Offenders ; and that the Authority of *Connecticut* be requested to apply to the Authority in *Providence*, for such Materials and Evidences as shall be necessary. *And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Hazzard* and *Benj. Nichols*, Esqrs. attend the Justices Court, to be held at *Woodstock* on Thursday next, which will be the 30th Instant, as Witnesses ; and

and that they with the King's Attorney, attend the Trial of said Offenders at *Windham Court*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That Jeremiah Lippit, James Helme, George Brown, James Sheffield, and Benjamin Nichols, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to settle, if they can, with Jabeel Brenton, Esq; the Controversy which hath so long subsisted between him and the Colony, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve. and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the Gentlemen of the Committee for building another Light House be, and they are hereby directed to build immediately, a small Dwelling House near the Light-House, twenty Feet in Length and sixteen in Breadth, one Story high, with a Gambrel Roof.

And this Assembly do farther Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the Charge of building the aforesaid Light-House and Dwelling House, be paid out of the General Treasury.

An A C T for the Relief of *Joseph Whipple* of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*. Esq;

WHEREAS the said *Joseph Whipple* represented unto this Assembly, That a few Year's past, his honoured Father died, possessed of a very large Estate, consisting of Lands and Movables, which hath since fallen into his Hands, but so heavily charged with Debts, that the Amount of them, even to this Day, remains a Secret : That believing himself (until lately) Owner of a very plentiful and large Fortune, he adventured too much into Mercantile Risques, in Hopes of increasing his Interest that Way, but providentially lost many Thousands of Pounds, then believing he hazarded nothing but his own ; and now finding those Losses, together with said Estate's being greatly loaded with Debts, before he came into it, he is rendered altogether incapable of paying the whole, but is entirely willing, with the utmost Sincerity and Truth, to resign up all for the Use of his Creditors, that they may receive all that can rationally be expected, or that Men of common Humanity can require ; and therefore humbly prayed, that under the solemn Obligation of an Oath, he may be permitted, according to the Directions in a Bill perferred to this Assembly, and voted on the 23d Day of this Instant *August*, to be continued to the next Session of this Assembly, to deliver up all his Estate both Real and Personal, of every Nature and Kind whatever, even under the

the Penalty of suffering in the most ignominious Manner, the Pains of Death, should he in the least Degree knowingly violate said Oath; and that said Estates, be wholly assigned and appropriated in all Respects, as directed in said Bill; that the Judges and Commissioners therein referr'd to, be wholly directed and governed by the same; and that as this Affair is of the utmost Consequence, and requireth a speedy Determination, he further prayed, this Assembly would immediately take the Premises into Consideration. And this Assembly having duly weighed the Matters and Things aforesaid, *Do Vote and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted*, That the Petition of the said *Joseph Whipple* be, and the same is hereby granted.

An ACT for Naturalizing *Peter Miraill*, now residing in *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Matiner.

Whereas the said Peter Miraill, hath represented unto this Assembly, That he was late one of the Subjects of the French King, but has for some Years resided in Newport, and sailed out thence in the Employ of several Merchants; and that moreover, he hath lately married in Newport, and being inclined to become a Subject of His Britannic Majesty, prayed to be naturalized.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said *Peter Miraill* be, and he is hereby naturalized, and shall forever hereafter be deemed, adjudged, and taken, to all Intents and Purposes, as naturalized; and is rendered and made equal in all Respects, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony, provided he take the proper Oaths.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary procure two Books of a proper Size, one for registering the Letters the Colony shall hereafter receive from the Agent, the other to copy such Letters as shall hereafter be sent by the Government to the Agent, or elsewhere.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. William Warner* be, and he is hereby chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warwick*, in the Room of *Stephen Low*, Esq; who refused.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be referred unto their next Session: That the Secretary publish in *Newport* by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within

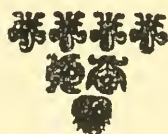
ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within forty, send Copies according to Law, unto every Town in the Colony : And that this Assembly be adjourned to the last Tuesday of *October*, if called at said Time, either by his Honour the Governor, or his Honour the Deputy Governor ; but if not called before nor at said Time, then this Assembly shall be Dissolved.

GOD Save the KING.

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by Tho Ward Secry*

Tho. Ward, Secry.





At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations* in *New-England* in AMERICA; begun and held at *South-Kingstown* in said Colony, on the last Wednesday of *October*, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three*, and in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. JOSEPH WHIPPLE, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;	} <i>Assist.</i>
JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;	JEREMIAH LIPPIT, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;	WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;	DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;	JEFFERY WATSON, Esq;	

Mr. JOHN GRELEA, jun. Dep. Secretary.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;	} } } } }	Nicholas Easton, Esq;	George
Edward Scott, Esq;		Providence;	
Thomas Craufson, Esq;		Jonathan Randall, Esq;	
Mr. Job Bennet, jun.		Mr. Eliza Brown,	
James Sheffield, Esq;		Daniel Fencks, Esq;	

George Brown, Esq;
 Portsmouth ;
 William Anthony, jun. Esq;
 John Allen, Esq;
 Warwick ;
 John Greene, Esq;
 Capt. Randal Rice,
 Maj. John Rhodes,
 Benj. Arnold, Esq;
 Westerly ;
 Joshua Clarke, Esq;
 Newshoreham ;
 None.
 North-Kingstown ;
 Mr. Henry Wall,
 Beriah Brown, Esq;
 South-Kingstown ;
 Mr. Henry Gardner,
 Rowland Robinson, Esq;
 East-Greenwich ;
 Joseph Nichols, Esq;
 Rufus Greene, Esq;
 Jamestown ;
 Capt. John Pain,
 Mr. Josiah Arnold, jun.
 Smithfield ;
 Thomas Arnold, Esq;
 Thomas Owens, Esq;
 Scituate ;
 Charles Harris, Esq;
 Capt. Thomas Relph.
 Gloucester ;
 Richard Steere, Esq,

Richard Smith, Esq;
 Charlestown ;
 Capt. Joseph Stanton,
 Col. Christopher Champlin.
 West-Greenwich ;
 Samuel Hopkins, Esq;
 Mr. Pardon Tillinghast.
 Coventry ;
 Mr. John Greene,
 Capt. John Ellerton.
 Exeter ;
 Capt. John Reynolds,
 Nicholas Gardner, Esq;
 Middletown :
 John Barker, Esq;
 Bristol ;
 Joseph Russell, Esq;
 Capt. Simon Davis.
 Tiverton ;
 None.
 Little-Compton ;
 William Hall, Esq;
 Mr. Richard Greenhill.
 Warren ;
 Benjamin Miller, Esq;
 Capt. John Adams.
 Cumberland ;
 Job Bartlet, Esq;
 Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
 Richmond ;
 Samuel Tift, Esq;
 Mr. William Potter.

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker,
 And Mr. JOSIAS LYNDON, Clerk of the Lower House.

AN ACT for reviving the Superior Court of Judicature in the County of Kings County.

*W*Hereas the Superior Court of Judicature of this Colony, which sat at South-Kingstown, within and for the County of Kings County, on the first Tuesday of this Instant October, was adjourned to the 30th Instant, and by Reason of stormy Weather, the said Court fell through ;

*B*E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That said Court be, and they are hereby impowered to sit and hold said Court this present 31st Day

Day of *October*. and to act and do all such Business, Matters, and Things whatsoever, lying before said Court, or that shall be bro't thereto, as fully, amply, and effectually, in every Respect, as said Court could have done, had they met at the Time adjourned to, and had not fell through ; and that the Jurors attend thereon.

An ACT for Explanation, and in Addition to the Act for Regulating of Fences.

Forasmuch as Disputes and Differences do daily arise between Owners of Lands within this Colony, about keeping their Fences in lawful Repair ; and the Power of the Fence Reviewers not sufficient, by the Law now in Force.

For Remedying the same,

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That upon due Notice given to any one of the Fence Reviewers, and being requested by any Person or Persons interested to review any insufficient and defective Fence, in and about any general or common Field or Inclosure, shall forthwith attend the same, on pain of forfeiting the Sum of *Five Pounds* ; one Moiety thereof, to the Use of the Town, and the other Moiety to him that shall inform and sue for the same ; and each Fence Reviewer shall be allowed *Thirty Five Shillings* a Day, and proportionably for half a Day, and under that, *Five Shillings* an Hour for his Time spent in reviewing of any Fence or Fences, to be paid him by the Owner or Owners of the defective Fence ; but if the Person complaining, have no just Cause of Complaint, then and in every such Case, the Person complaining, to pay the Fence Reviewer ; and when and so often as it shall happen, any Fence shall be broken or fallen down, or be otherwise defective, the Owner or Occupant of the Land to which such Fence belongs, upon Notice thereof given him, shall forthwith repair the same ; and in Case he refuse or neglect so to do, the Fence Reviewers shall cause the same to be sufficiently repaired as the Law directs ; and all Division, and all Fence betwixt Man and Man, shall be kept up in good Repair for the whole Year. unless the Proprietors of the Land shall otherwise agree.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the better Enabling of the Fence Reviewers to discharge their Duty according to the true Intent of the Law, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Fence Reviewers, by Warrant from the next Assistant, Justice of the Peace, or Warden of such Town, where such defective Fence is, who are hereby respectively empowered to make out such Warrant to impress Workmen, and Teams for the speedy repairing and making up Fences that are wanting or defective,

defective, paying double the usual and accustomed Rates for such Teams and Workmanship, and to the Fence Reviewers for his Time, and to review the Charge and Damage thereof, if not exceeding *Ten Pounds*. by Action to be brought before any two Assistants, Justices of the Peace, or Wardens, in said Town; and if the Charges or Damages are above *Ten Pounds*, then at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in said County where said Town lies; any other Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

WHEREAS *David Wilkinson*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for Cash by him advanced to buy three large Padlocks for the Use of the Goal in *Providence*, and Money paid Capt. *Samuel Currie* for mending the Glass Windows of said Goal: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Twenty-two Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *David Wilkinson* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do vote, chuse, and appoint Maj. *John Rhodes* a special Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Kent*, to sit on the Trial of a Cause pending in said Court, between *Giles Pearce* and others, Plaintives, and *Peleg Spenser* Defendant.

Whereas *Jabez Champlin* of *Newport*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for cleansing and mending the Colony's Small Arms, Pistols, Cutlasses, and so forth, by Order of Mr. Sheriff *Scott*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Seventy-six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jabez Champlin* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved. That the Committee appointed to build a new Goal in the County of *Providence*, draw out of the General Treasury, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds more than hath been already granted, towards carrying on said Work; and that said Committee sell and dispose of the old Goal-House and Lot of Land thereunto belonging, to the best Advantage, and give a good Warrantee Deed thereof.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Jabez Bowen*, *Daniel Jencks*, and *George Brown*, Esqrs. together with Mr. *Job Bennet*. jun. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to view the new Court
House

House and Goal in *Kings County*, and consider whether those Persons who became bound to build said Court House and Goal, have perform'd the Condition of their Bond ; and that they make Report on the Premises, to this Assembly, so soon as conveniently they can.

The Gentlemen that were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; presented this Assembly with the following Account and Report ;

Benjamin Nichols, Esq; Treasurer of the Grand Committee,

To the Colony,

Dr=

1753. TO the Ballance of the last Account, as
per Report of the Committee, dated
April 22. 1752. - - £. 39762 10 4

Benjamin Nichols, Esq; Treasurer of the Grand Committee,

To the Colony,

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1753.

BY Cash paid to *John Tillinghast*, *Thomas Cranston*,
James Skeffield, and *Peter Bours*, Esqrs. a Com-
mittee, appointed by the General Assembly, to re-
ceive and burn the same, - £. 20088 3 9

By Cash paid to *William Collins* of *Connecticut*, by
Order of Assembly, - 14 0 0

By Ditto paid *Jeremiah Rose*, by Order of Assembly, 42 16 0

By Ditto paid *John Whipple* of *Glocester*, by Order
of Assembly, - 82 0 0

By Three Pounds New Tenor short in Ten Bonds
given to discharge a Mortgage Deed of *Robert*
Wilcox of *North-Kingstown*, dated June 18. 1741,
is in Old-Tenor, - 120 0 0

By Ten Shillings New Tenor, short in Ten Bonds
given to discharge a Mortgage Deed of *Jeremiah*
Gardner of *North-Kingstown*, dated June 5th 1741,
is in Old-Tenor, - 20 0 0

By Eleven Shillings and Three Farthings short
in Ten Bonds given to discharge a Mortgage Deed
of *Stephen Tift* of *South-Kingstown* ; dated June 1.
1741, is in Old-Tenor, - 22 2 8

By Twelve Shillings and Four Pence New-
Tenor, short in the Return of *South-Kingstown's*
Bonds, for their Proportion of the seventh Bank,
is in Old-Tenor, - 2 9 4

By Thirty-seven Pounds and Thirteen Shillings
short in Ten Bonds given to discharge a Mortgage

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Deed

Deed of *Thomas Gould* of *Charlestown*, dated *September 4th. 1742*, said Bonds being given for £. 12 11 0 when they should have been for £. 12 11 New-Tenor, 376 10 0

By Eight Shillings New-Tenor short in Ten Bonds given to discharge a Mortgage Deed of *James Congdon, jun.* of *Charlestown*, dated *June 8th. 1741*, is in Old Tenor, - - 16 0 0

By Nine Shillings New-Tenor, short in Ten Bonds given to discharge a Mortgage Deed of *John Tiff* of *Charlestown*, dated *June 8th. 1741*, is in Old-Tenor, - - 18 0 0

Ballance in the Hands of *Benj. Nichols, Esq;* 376820 8 7

£. 397622 10 4

“WE the Subscribers, being by the General Assembly appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Benj. Nichols, Esq;* Treasurer of the Grand Committee, and to receive and burn the Tenth Money in his Hands, Report, That we have examined the Accounts of the aforesaid *Benj. Nichols, Esq;* a State of which we herewith present, and whereby it appears, that there is a Ballance in the Hands of the said *Benj. Nichols, Esq;* of Three Hundred and Seventy-six Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Pounds Eight Shillings and Seven Pence Old-Tenor, in Favour of the Colony, exclusive of the last Bank, which is not charged in this Account, as the said *Nichols* informs us, that there are a considerable Number of Mortgages and Bonds belonging to it, which have not been delivered into his Office. We also Report, That we have burnt the Money paid us by said *Nichols*, except Seven Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds One Shilling, and a Penny, in the Hands of *John Tillinghast*, Five Hundred and Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence, in the Hands of *Thomas Cranston*, Two Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight Pence, in the Hands of *James Sheffield*, and Eighty Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence, in the Hands of *Peter Bours*, all calculated in Old-Tenor, which being Bills of the last Emission, are deposited with them to exchange for old Bills of Credit to burn; and for which, they have lodged their Receipts with the said *Benjamin Nichols, Esq;*

John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston,
Peter Bours,
James Sheffield.”

Newport, October 29. 1753.

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, and duly examined it. *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be, and it is hereby accepted.

Whereas

Whereas *Moses Lopez* of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Merchant, represented unto this Assembly, That the Manufacturing Pot-Ash in this Colony, will be of great Advantage to the Government, provided it can be done in a right Manner: That it will prove a good Remittance to *Great-Britain*, in Return for such Goods as we have Occasion of from thence, and will be the Means of lowering the Price of Silver, Gold, and *European Goods*: And by sending to our Mother Country, a Commodity which is very much wanted there, will be serving them in a high Degree, and thereby procure their Favour, with many other Advantages: That he the said *Moses*, by the Assistance of a particular Friend that is not in this Country, hath made himself Master of the true Art and Mystery of making Pot-Ash, which is known to very few in the Kingdom: That he can carry it on to the great Advantage of the Colony, and at the same Time make a reasonable Profit to himself. And upon the whole, prayed this Assembly to grant him a Patent for the Manufacturing Pot-Ash in this Colony for the Term of Ten Years, and prohibit all other Persons whatsoever, from setting up and carrying on that Trade and Business in this Colony, excepting such as shall work under him, and by his Direction: And also to prohibit the carrying any Ashes out of this Colony, into the neighbouring Governments, on any Pretence whatsoever, upon such Penalties as this Assembly shall think proper; one Half to the Informer, and the other Half to the Treasury of the Town where the Offence shall be committed. And as the said *Moses* will have Occasion of all the Ashes made in the Colony, more than the Inhabitants will be obliged to keep for their own Use, he shall be willing to pay them a reasonable Price therefor. And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote, Resolve, and Enact, and it is Voted, Resolved, and Enacted*, That the Prayer of the said *Moses* be, and the same is hereby granted, provided he shall carry on the Business aforesaid; and that *Five Pounds* be the Penalty for every Bushel of Ashes that shall be transported into the Neighbouring Governments, or any other Part of the World.

Whereas *John Cogswell* and *Owen Sullivan*, alias *John Pierion*, are suspected of being concerned in counterfeiting the Bills of publick Credit of the last Emission, made by this Colony, and each of them hath made his Escape out of the Government, by breaking Goal: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to any Person or Persons that shall apprehend and convey to His Majesty's Goal in *Newport*, the said *John Cogswell*, and the same Sum shall be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, for apprehending the said *Owen Sullivan*, alias *John Pierion*, and commit them to His Majesty's Goal in *Newport*.

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Both Houses resolved into a Grand Committee on the second Day of *November*, when the Hon. *Joseph Whipple*, Esq; resigned the Office of Deputy Governor ; and thereupon, the Hon. *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; was chosen Deputy Governor in his Room, for the remaining Part of the Year, and engaged accordingly.

Nicholas Easton, Esq; was chosen and engaged second Assistant in the Room of the Hon. *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; advanced as above.

Thomas Frye, Esq; was chosen a Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Kent*, in the Room of *John Frye*, Esq; lately deceas'd.

Mr. *Thomas Throop*, jun. was chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Bristol*.

Whereas *John Hart* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of Seventy-three Pounds; by him charged against the Government, for his Expence in informing against *Samuel Southwork*, and assisting to apprehend *Jacob Mace* and *Benjamin Chase* at *Peghkeepsee*, on Suspicion of their having counterfeited Bills of Credit emitted by this Government ; for his Expences, Time, and Horse, in going to *Windham* Court ; and for keeping his Horse fifteen Days : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and shall be paid out of the General Treasury, that is to say, Sixty Pounds thereof, unto the said *John Hart*, and the remaining Thirteen Pounds unto his Honour the present Deputy Governor, it being so much by him advanced to the said *John Hart*, when he undertook the Business.

Whereas Col. *Joseph Pendleton* represented unto this Assembly, That upon the Settlement of his *Lottery*, he fell Seven Hundred and Thirty-odd Pounds in Debt to the Colony, for Payment whereof, the General Assembly allowed him a Year's Time, upon his giving Bond, with two good Sureties, to the General Treasurer, which accordingly he did, to wit ; for the Sum of Seven Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings, it being the Debt and Interest, payable the seventh Day of *November*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three : That he is unable to perform the Condition of his Bond at present, by Reason he cannot get in his Money he sold his Tickets for, Seven Hundred and odd Pounds being in the Law at *New-York*, upwards of Five Hundred Pounds under the same Situation in this Government, besides many bad Debts : Whereupon he prayed, That on his paying down the Interest that will become due on the seventh of *November* aforesaid, he may have the Money one Year longer upon Interest. And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Con-

Consideration, and duly weighed the Matter, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Col. *Joseph Pendleton* be, and it is hereby granted.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours, and James Skeffield*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, and those of the Treasurer of the Grand Committee's Office, and to make Report so soon as may be

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Josiah Arnold* of *Jamesstown*, Esq; be, and he is hereby added to the Committee for building the Light-House.

The Gentlemen that were appointed to divide the Company or Trained Band of the Town of *Cumberland*, presented the Assembly with the following Report :

“**W**E the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to divide the Companies or Train'd Bands of the Town of *Cumberland*, and having done the same, do Report as follows ; That the Dividing Line between said Companies, begin at *Pawtucket* River, opposite to the Dwelling House of *Samuel Bartlet*, Esq; from thence running Easterly on a straight Line, so as to leave said *Bartlet's* House to the North of said Line, until it comes to the Road, a little below the Dwelling House of *John Knox*, that leads out of *Mendon* Road so called, to *Attleborough*, thence following the Road leading towards said *Attleborough*, by the Dwelling House of Capt. *Ichabod Peck*, until it comes to the Saw-Mill called *Wallot's* Saw-Mill, from thence Easterly on a straight Line, leaving the Dwelling House of *Moses Wallcot* to the South, until it comes to *Attleborough* Line.

Cumberland, Octob. 29. 1753.

Job Bartlet,
Jeremiah Whipple.

And now this Assembly having taken the Matter into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Report aforesaid be, and the same is hereby accepted.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Daniel Smith* be, and he is hereby fully empowered to grant forth Warrants for collecting the Rates ordered to be levied in the County of *Providence*, for erecting a Work-House in said County.

Whereas Messrs. *Elisba Reynolds* and *William Potter*, represented unto this Assembly, that they apprehended the Goal-House in said Town, was sufficient, in as much, as they had heard no Complaint from the the Sheriff or his Goal-keeper, yet it seems by Inquiry, the same is not complicated to the Satisfaction of the

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Committee of the House ; wherefore, as the Intent of the said *Reynolds* and *Potter*, are to do every Thing they obliged themselves to do and proposed, for the greater Security of said Goal, they would instantly line the Northernmost Goal-Room below, with two-inch Plank, and the other Goal-Rooms be made as strong as they can be made, with the Plank that is already provided, if it would be to the Satisfaction of this Assembly : And as it is no Charge to the Publick, but a private Charge for the publick Use, they hoped this Assembly would regard the great Ease of their Doings in this Instance, is to the Publick, and allow their Proposal, if it be agreeable to the Sense of this Assembly, that the same shall be, when done, a Completion of the Goal, &c. And this Assembly having taken the Matter into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Acts and Orders made and past by the General Assembly, at their Session in *August* last, and furnishing Paper for the Work : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-one Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Anne* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; Deputy Governor, be, and he is hereby appointed and empowered to agree with a suitable Person to take Care of the Light at *Beaver Tail*, until the Light-House be built.

Whereas *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; and Mr. *Elisha Brown*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for their Time, and sundry Expences and Disbursements in repairing *Patucket* Bridge ; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Six Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Two Pence, the Ballance thereof, be paid the said *Jabez Bowen* and *Elisha Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Francis Willet*, Esq; one of the Committee appointed to run the Line between *South-Kingstown* and *Exeter*, declines serving in that Office ; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Phillips* of *North-Kingstown*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed in the Room of Mr. *Willet*, for the Purpose aforesaid ; and that the said Committee, or the major Part of them, perform said business.

An A C T in Addition to an Act, entituled, *An Act directing Proceedings in Actions and Suits, wherein either the Recorder or Sheriff are Parties.*

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is hereby Enacted, That in all Actions or Suits, wherein either of the Shrieves of this Colony for the Time being, shall be a Party, the Writts both Original and Judicial, shall be directed to the Town Sergeant for the Time being, of either of the Towns in the County where the Defendant in such Action or Suit shall be an Inhabitant, to execute the same.

WHereas *Oliver Helme*, one of the Sheriff's Deputies, in the County of *Kings County*, represented unto this Assembly, That in Obedience to a Warrant under the Hands and Seals of *Jeffrey Watson*, Esq; Assistant, and *James Helme*, Esq; Justice of the Peace, he with *George Gardner*, jun, pursued one *John Cogswell*, who was suspected of counterfeiting the Sixteen Pounds Bills of this Colony, as far as *Woodstock* in the Colony of *Connecticut*, and there took the said *Cogswell*, and carried him before lawful Authority, according to the Tenor of his Warrant. That he the said *Oliver* was put to sundry necessary Charges in the Execution of that Office; whereof he subjoined the following Account:

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Sept. 18	To <i>Nicholas Hollway</i> for the Ride of his Horse to <i>Woodstock</i> ,	12 0 0
	To <i>Thomas Gardner</i> , for the Ride of his Horse to <i>Ditto</i> ,	12 0 0
	To <i>Samuel Gardner</i> , for piloting us as far as <i>Plainfield</i> ,	4 0 0
	To <i>George Gardner</i> , jun. 3 Days,	9 0 0
	To my Time and Trouble, 4 Days,	12 0 0
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		£. 63 1 0

And this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the said Sum of Sixty-three Pounds One Shilling be allowed and paid the said *Oliver Helme* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for drawing the Lottery set up for finishing the Goal, &c. in the County of *Kent*, be lengthen'd out to the second Monday of *March* next.

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This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That John Tillinghast, Esq; and the Speaker of the Lower House, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the late, and also of the present Naval-Officer. and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Daniel Jencks, George Brown, and Stephen Hopkins, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to consider what Addition is necessary to be made to the Law now in Force, for punishing such as shall counterfeit Bills of publick Credit, and make Report to this Assembly, at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Thomas Cranston and Edward Scott, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to receive of his Honour the late Deputy Governor, the Duplicate of the Charter, and deliver the same to the Hon. Jonathan Nichols, Esq; the present Deputy Governor, giving and taking Receipts therefor.

Whereas a Lanthorn hath been erected upon *Beaver-Tail*, where the Light-House lately stood, and an Account of the Charges that accrued, by Means thereof, amounting to *Three Hundred and Forty-six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Two Pence*, was exhibited to this Assembly: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Two Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds Ten Shillings and Four Pence* thereof, be paid by the Naval-Officer, out of the Light-House Money, to the several Workmen, whose Bills remain unpaid.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to their next Session: And that the Secretary proclaim in Newport by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days, and send Copies unto each Town in the Colony according to Law, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which is hereby adjourned to the last Monday of February next.

GOD Save the KING.

Newport, Nov. 12. 1753.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations* in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun and held at *South-Kingstown* in said Colony, on the last Monday of *February*, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four*, and in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} Assst.	JEREMIAH LIPPIT, Esq;	} Assst.
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;		JEOPFFRY WATSON, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;			

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT ;

Edward Scott, Esq,
The Speaker.
Peter Bours, Esq;
Mr. Job Bennet, jun:
James Sheffield, Esq;
Mr. William Read.



Providence ;

Jonathan Randall, Esq;
Daniel Jencks, Esq;
George Brown, Esq;
Portsmouth ;
William Anthony, jun. Esq;
John Allen, Esq;

Mr.

Mr. <i>Gideon Freeborn</i>.	)	Charlestown ;
Warwick ;	)	Capt. <i>Joseph Stanton</i> ,
Capt. <i>Randal Rice</i>,	)	Col. <i>Christopher Champlin</i> .
Maj. <i>John Rhodes</i>,	)	West-Greenwich ;
Benj. <i>Arnold</i> , Esq;	)	<i>Samuel Hopkins</i> , Esq;
Westerly ;	)	Mr. <i>Pardon Tillinghast</i> .
<i>Joshua Babcock</i> , Esq;	)	Coventry ;
<i>Joshua Clarke</i> , Esq;	)	Mr. <i>John Greene</i> ,
Newshorcham ;	)	Capt. <i>John Ellerton</i> .
None.	)	Exeter ;
North-Kingstown ;	)	Capt. <i>John Reynolds</i> ,
Mr. <i>Henry Wall</i>,	)	<i>Nicholas Gardner</i> , Esq;
<i>Beriah Brown</i> , Esq;	)	Middletown :
South-Kingstown ;	)	<i>John Barker</i> , Esq;
Mr. <i>Henry Gardner</i>,	)	Bristol ;
<i>Rowland Robinson</i> , Esq;	)	<i>Joseph Russell</i> , Esq;
East-Greenwich ;	)	Tiverton ;
<i>Joseph Nichols</i> , Esq;	)	<i>Samuel Dufsey</i> , Esq;
<i>Rufus Greene</i> , Esq;	)	Little-Compton ;
Jamestown ;	)	None.
Mr. <i>Josiah Arnold</i> , jun.	)	Warren ;
Smithfield ;	)	<i>Benjamin Miller</i> , Esq;
<i>Thomas Arnold</i> , Esq;	)	Cumberland ;
<i>Thomas Owens</i> , Esq;	)	<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq;
Scituate ,	)	<i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq;
Capt. <i>Thomas Relfh</i>.	)	Richmond ;
Glocester ;	)	<i>Samuel Tift</i> , Esq;
<i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq;	)	Mr. <i>William Potter</i> .
<i>Richard Smith</i> , Esq;)	

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *Stephen Hopkins* and *Daniel Jencks*, Esqrs. Capt. *John Cole*, together with Messrs. *Ephraim Bowen* and *Nicholas Brown*, by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, That a Number of Persons in *Providence*, with some in Neighbouring Towns, being desirous, as far as in them lieth, to promote useful Knowledge, have, for that End, made a voluntary Subscription, and thereby have raised and sent to *England*, a Sum of Money sufficient to purchase Books to furnish a small Library ; but tho' they have with Difficulty proceeded thus far, yet find themselves unable to raise Money for building a proper Place to keep the Books in when they arrive ; and as the Council Chamber in the Court House in *Providence*, is not put to any Use, except when the General Assembly sit there : And should this Assembly give the Petitioners Leave to put their Books therein, yet would there be sufficient Room

Room for the General Council to sit comfortably there ; and would be so far from being any Inconvenience, that on the other Hand it would be a real Ornament to the House, and afford an agreeable Amusement to the Members in their leisure Hours. Whereupon the Petitioners, in Behalf of themselves, and all others concern'd in the Affair, humbly prayed this Assembly to give them Leave, at their own proper Cost, to erect Shelves on the West and North Sides of the said Council Chamber, for the Purpose aforesaid ; and also to enable the Proprietors of the said Books, to make such Acts and Orders as may be fit and necessary for the proper regulating said Library, and that they may be good and valid for those Ends.

And this Assembly having taken the Matters and Things aforesaid into Consideration, *Do Vote, Resolve, and Enact, and it is Voted, Resolved, and Enacted,* That the Prayer of the Petitioners be, and the same is hereby granted.

Whereas the General Assembly at their Session in *August* last, appointed *Jeremiah Lippit, James Helme, George Brown, James Sheffield,* and *Benjamin Nichols*, Esqrs. a Committee, and invested them, or the major Part of them, with Power to settle with *Jahleel Brenton*, Elq; (the Controversy which has so long subsisted between him and the Colony) if they could, and make Report to the then next Session of Assembly ; but they not yet having completed said Business, *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Committee be still continued for the Purpose aforesaid, and that they, or the major Part of them, are hereby fully empowered to settle with the said *Jahleel Brenton* in the best Manner they can, and to receive what shall appear to be due from him to the Colony, and to give him a full Discharge in Behalf of the Colony.

Whereas *John Tillinghast, Peter Bours, Thomas Cranston,* and *James Sheffield*, Esqrs. presented this Assembly with the following REPORT :

To the Honourable General Assembly to be held at South-Kingstown, on the last Monday of February, A. D. 1754.

WHERCAS we the Subscribers, reported to the General Assembly at their last Session, That there was deposited in our Hands, some of the Bills of Credit of the last Emission, and of the Tenth Money, to be exchanged for old Bills and burnt, *viz.* In the Hands of *John Tillinghast*, Elq; Seven Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds One Shilling and a Penny. In the Hands of *Thomas Cranston*, Elq; Five Hundred and Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence. In the Hands of *James Sheffield*, Elq; Two Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight Pence ; and in the Hands of *Peter Bours*, Elq; Eighty Pounds Four Shillings and Eight

Eight Pence. We now further Report, That we have exchanged the aforesaid Sums for old Bills of Credit emitted by this Government, and have burnt the same; as Witness our Hands in Newport, February 18th. 1754.

Att. Benj. Nichols.

*John Tillingbass,
Peter Bours,
Thomas Cranston,
James Sheffield.*

To which the following Account was subjoined.

<i>The Colony to the Committee,</i>		Dr.
TO our Time and Trouble in settling the Grand Committee's Account five Days, at <i>Three Pounds</i> each,		£. 60 0
To exchanging Seven Thousand Pounds, of Bills of the last Emission, for old Bills to burn, at One and a Quarter <i>per Cent.</i>		87 10
		<hr/> £. 147 10

*John Tillingbass,
Peter Bours,
Thomas Cranston,
James Sheffield.*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration. *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; that the Committee's Account be allowed, and One Hundred and Forty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Goal in Newport, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for an Oven in the Goal-House, one Pump, and sundry other Things by him necessarily furnished and done: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed. and that One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds Six Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton* out of the General Treasury.

An ACT for Naturalizing *Ami Decotay.*

WHEREAS *Ami Decotay*, now residing at Newport, in this Colony, Merchant, represented unto this Assembly, That he was late a Subject of the Republic of Geneva, but has for several Years resided in Newport, and followed his Trade and Business, where he hath married, and having an Inclination to become one of the Subjects of his Britannic Majesty, prayed to be naturalized.

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On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said Ami Desotay be, and is hereby naturalized, and forever hereafter, shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken, to all Intents and Purposes, as naturalized ; and is render'd and made equal in every Respect. to a freeborn Subject of this Colony, provided he take the State Oaths, and all other Oaths by Law required.

Whereas *Jeremiah Lippit and Joseph Russell, Esqrs.* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for their Time, Horse-hire, and Expences, as a Committee for viewing the old Goal in *Providence*, and the Place proposed to erect a new One in the said Town: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Ten Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Jeremiah Lippit and Joseph Russell out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas by two Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, one made and past the third Monday of *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, the other on the second Monday of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one, no Persons are to contract for, settle Account, allow, receive, take, or pay, at any greater or higher Rate, for Silver, Gold, or Bills of Exchange, than is regulated and settled by the said Acts, upon the Penalty of Fifty Pounds, in Bills of Credit emitted by said Acts ; and also, that no Clerk within the Colony, should issue forth any Execution or Process on any Judgment obtained in any Court of Record, until the Party in whose Favour the same was obtained, if inhabiting or residing within this Colony, should make Oath or Engagement, that he had not directly or indirectly, either by himself or others, contracted for, given, taken, paid, accounted, or settled, for Gold, Silver, or Bills of Exchange, in any other Manner or Form than what is regulated by said Acts.

And this Assembly, on Consideration thereof, *Do Vote, Resolve, and Enact, and it is Voted, Resolved, and Enacted, That the said two Paragraphs of said Acts afore-mentioned, be, and they are hereby repealed, rendered null and void, and of none Effect, and that no other Person whatsoever, be obliged to take the said Oath or Engagement.*

Whereas *Eleanor Hunt*, Daughter of *Ezekiel Hunt* of *North-Kingstown*, represented unto this Assembly, That some Time in *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-two, she had one Forty Shilling Bill of the last Emission made by this Government, which casually fell into the Fire, where it was consumed, and prayed that Sum might be made good to her.

And this Assembly having duly examined the Affair, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Forty Shillings be paid the said *Eleanor Hunt* by *Benj. Nichols*, Esq; out of the *Tenth Money* in the Grand Committee's Office.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Acts and Orders by the General Assembly made and past at their last Session, and furnishing Paper for the Work : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-five Pounds Twelve Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid them out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for drawing the *Kent Lottery*, be, and it is hereby lengthened out unto the third Monday of *May* next.

Whereas *Joseph Scott*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, exhibited to this Assembly, two Accounts by him charged against the Government ; one for Materials and Work by him found for repairing His Majesty's Goal in *Newport*, and the other for sundry Expences he was necessarily put to, to defend himself in a Suit bro't against him by *John Martin* for releasing *Joseph Whipple*, Esq; from Goal : Which Accounts being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and are hereby allowed, and that Two Hundred and Ninety-three Pounds Eight Shillings and Four Pence, the Amount of them, be paid the said *Joseph Scott* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Information hath been made to this Assembly, by *Mr. Gideon Freeborn*, one of their Members, That *Gideon Wanton*, Esq; hath very grossly abused the General Assembly of this Colony : *This Assembly do therefore Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That a Precept be issued by the Secretary to the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, to apprehend the said *Gideon Wanton*, and bring him before the General Assembly at their next Session, the first Wednesday of *May* next, to answer for the Abuse by him given as aforesaid, and to do what shall then and there be enjoined him.

Whereas *James Rogers* of *Newport*, Shopkeeper, represented unto this Assembly, That the making Pearl-Ashes within the Government, will be very Advantageous to the Colony upon several Accounts : But as it will be attended with considerable Cost and Trouble to the Undertakers ; and as the General Assembly have lately granted a Patent to *Mr. Lopez* for the sole making Pot-Ashes, he prayed an Act may be passed, enabling

bling him to make Pearl-Ashes among us for the Term of Ten Years, and that no other Person presume so to do, under such Penalties, &c. And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Enact, and it is hereby Voted and Enacted*, That the said *James Rogers* shall have, and hereby is granted him, the sole Liberty of making Pearl-Ashes within the Colony for the Space of Ten Years: And that no other Person or Persons besides the said *James Rogers* presume so to do. *Nevertheless*, no Penalty shall be incurred by any who shall hereafter presume to make Pearl-Ashes within this Government.

This Assembly do choose and appoint Mr. *Robert Potter* a Town's Committee-Man for *Charlestown*, in the Room of *Nathanael Lewis*, Esq; lately deceased.

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of *Kings County*, presented this Assembly with an Account by him charged against the Government, amounting to One Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Four Shillings, for a Journey to *Windham*, and sundry other Places, after one *John Cogswell*, and carrying him to Goal, by Order of the Superior Court; for the Ride of his Horse nine Days, sundry Expences in the Journey; and for Capt. *John Weight* who rode with him four Days as Aid to *Woodstock* and *Canterbury*, for the Ride of said *Weight's* Horse, and for keeping *Cogswell's* Mare four Weeks before she was sold, Part of which he receiv'd, some by Money found in *Cogswell's* Pocket Book, and the Remainder from the Sale of his Mare, &c.

And this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Fifty-five Pounds Eighteen Shillings, the Ballance thereof, be paid the said *Beriah Brown* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Sandford Case*, Town-Sergeant of *South-Kingstown*, exhibited an Account by him charged against the Government, for attending nine Days on the General Assembly at this and their last Session: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Eighteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Sandford Case* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do choose and appoint Mr. *Benj. Hoxse* to be a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Charlestown*, in the Room of *Nathanael Lewis*, Esq; lately deceased.

Whereas *Gideon Cornell* and *Abraham Borden*, both of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Esqrs. represented unto this Assembly,
That

That they, with Others, were Owners of the Sloop *Raven*, whereof *Matthew Borden* was late Master ; and after the Cessation of Arms between the Crowns of *Great-Britain* and *Spain*, sent her under said *Matthew's* Command, on a Voyage from *Newport* aforesaid, to the *West-Indies* ; in Prosecution whereof, she was taken and carried into *St. Jago d'Cuba*, and there condemn'd as lawful Prize. Some Time after which, the King of *Spain* ordered Restitution to be made of all such Captures. And whereas, the aforesaid *Gideon* and *Abraham*, with Others, were Owners of another Sloop called the *Triton*, which was seized in *Hispaniola*, in the Dominions of the *French* King, the tenth Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight : But as they could find nothing against the said Sloop *Triton*, sufficient to condemn her, the General of *Hispaniola* aforesaid, by an arbitrary Power, ordered the said Sloop and Cargo to be sold, and the Money arising from the Sale thereof, to be deposited in the Treasury, until he could have Advice from *France*, how to conduct himself in the Affair : And that neither of them, or any of the other Owners of the said Sloops and Cargoes, have ever received any Satisfaction for the same. And as there is no Way to go and claim the said Vessels and Cargoes with Safety, but by Flag of Truce, or commission'd Vessels : Whereupon they supplicated this Assembly, to enable and qualify them to send a Flag or Flags of Truce, or a Vessel or Vessels, with Commission to go and claim the said Sloops and Cargoes.

Upon Consideration whereof

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of the said *Gideon* and *Abraham* be, and the same is hereby granted ; and that his Honour the Governor commission two Vessels for the Purposes aforesaid.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary publish in *Newport* by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within five Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within forty, send Copies according to Law, unto each Town in the Colony : And that this Assembly be adjourned to the last Monday of *April* next, if called at said Time, by either of their Honours the Governor or Deputy Governor ; but if not called at nor before said Time, this Assembly shall be dissolved.

GOD Save the KING.

Newport, March the 5th, 1754.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations* in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun and held at *Newport*, on the Thirtieth Day of *April*, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four*, and in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPIT, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;		JEFFREY WATSON, Esq;	

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;	}}	Providence ;	
Edward Scott, Esq;		Jonathan Randall, Esq;	
Thomas Cranston, Esq;	}}	Mr. Thomas Olney.	
Peter Bours, Esq;		Portsmouth ;	
Mr. Job Benner, jun.	}}	William Anthony, jun. Esq;	
James Sheffield, Esq;		John. Allen, Esq;	
Mr. William Read.		Mr. Thomas Brownel,	
	A		Mr.

Done

Mr. Gideon Freeborn.	Mr. Robert Potter.
Warwick ;	West-Greenwich ;
None.	Mr. Joseph Nichols,
Westerly ;	Mr. Preserved Hall.
Maj. Joshua Clarke,	Coventry ;
Capt. Benj. Randal.	None.
Newshoreham ;	Excter ;
Capt. Robert Hall,	Capt. John Reynolds.
Mr. Nathanael Littlefield.	Middletown ;
North-Kingstown ;	John Barker, Esq;
Mr. Henry Wall,	Mr. Thomas Gould.
Beriah Brown, Esq;	Bristol ;
South-Kingstown ;	Joseph Russel, Esq;
Mr. Henry Gardner,	Maj. Thomas Greene.
Rowland Robinson, Esq;	Tiverton ;
East-Greenwich ;	Samuel Dursey, Esq;
None.	Mr. Thomas Howland.
Jamestown ;	Little-Compton ;
Mr. Josiah Arnold, jun.	Nathanael Searl, Esq;
Mr. William Martin.	Joseph Wood, Esq;
Smithfield ;	Warren ;
Thomas Arnold, Esq;	Mr. James Brown,
Mr. Jonathan Arnold.	Capt. Benj. Barton.
Scituate ;	Cumberland ;
None.	None.
Glocester ;	Richmond ;
Richard Steere, Esq;	Mr. Samuel Tift,
Richard Smith, Esq;	Mr. William Potter.
Charlestown ;	
Col. Christopher Champlin,	

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker : And

Mr. JOSIAS LYNDON, Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS all and every of the Persons whose Names hereafter follow, have taken the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the Colony Law against Bribery and Corruption, in the Choice of Officers in this Colony : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all and every of them be, and they are hereby admitted to give their Votes to choose Officers for their respective Towns ; and also to give their Votes in the Choice of the General Officers of the Government.

N E W P O R T ;

Ezra Pope, Thomas Ayres, Clement Peekom, David M'quellern, Silas Cook, Francis Honyman, Robert Crooke, Benjamin Wickham,

ham, Joseph Brown, Benjamin Thurston, Timothy Ingraham, Matthew Borden (*Son of Abraham*) Thomas Rodman (*Son of Clarke*) Benjamin Atwood, John Lyon, jun. Valentine Thurston, John Allison, Isaac Stelle, Joshua Saunders, Barzillai Baley, Thomas Melvil, jun. Thomas George, Anthony Shaw, Jonathan Clarke (*Goldsmith*) Benjamin Jefferson, John Cook, Israel Woodward, Samuel Greene, Peter Phillips (*Merchant*) Joseph Cozzens, Constant Cook, Ebenezer Trobridge, Jahlcel Brenton, jun. William Paul, Daniel Whiteman Hookey, Lewis Ginedo, Joshua Hacker, Thomas Moffatt, John Grelea, jun. Nathan Chapman, William Allen, Eleazer Read, John Tayre (*Son of Benjamin*) Benjamin Ingraham, George Gardner (*Son of John*) William Cranston, William Thurston Gardner, Elisha Sanford, jun. Nathanael Taylor, Israel Caswell, Joseph Bois, Samuel Hull, jun. Nathanael Mumford, Peter Treby, Timothy Witherly, John M'Daniel, Samuel Rhodes, Benjamin Brown, James Pitman, Samuel Rhodes (*Mason*) William Pellsue, Joseph Gladding, jun. and John James, jun. (*Son of John, Cordwainer*).

PROVIDENCE,

William Jenckes, Thomas Whipple, Eliphalet Philbrook, Moses Smith, Elisha Arnold, John Randal, Jeremiah Brown, Peter Cook, Samuel Relph, Benjamin Sprague, jun. Maturin Bellau, John Jenckes, Nathanael Waterman, Edward Sarles, Alexander Maccorey, Elisha Hale, Ichabod Jenckes, James Briggs, jun. Joseph Manchester, Josiah Westcot, jun. Joseph Lockwood, Daniel Abbot, jun. Jehu Smith, John Kinnicut, Solomon Searle, Consider Luther, Martin Salisbury, Nehemiah Smith, Ephraim Whipple, Daniel Smith, jun. Edward Smith, Jabez Peirce, Daniel Whipple, Stephen Wright, William Donnison, Jeremiah Westcot (*Cooper*) David Burr, Josiah Burlingame, James Seamons, John Seamons, Simeon Read, Samuel Read, John Lovet, Nathan Olney, Thomas Perry, Amos Hopkins, jun. John Ormes, Ephraim Congdon, Thomas Field, jun. Joshua Burlingame, Joseph Smith, George Curlis, Simon Smith, Samuel Jackson, John Power, Thomas Williams, John Cole, Amos Hopkins, John Smith, and Jonathan Mowrey.

PORTSMOUTH,

John Brightman, George Cornel (*Son of Walter*) John Earl, George Brownell, Restcom Sanford, and Joseph Cundall, jun.

WARWICK;

Sion Arnold, John Low (*Son of Stephen*) Peter Worden, Caleb Gorton, Thomas Arnold, Nathanael Hillard, Eleazer Chace, Stephen Arnold, Benjamin Greene (*Son of John*) David Knap, William Godfrey, Samuel Finney, Samuel Gorton (*Son of Samuel*) and John Stafford.

WESTERLY;

WESTERLY;

Joshua Lanphear, Ezekiel Hall, Christopher Wilbore, William Maxson, Daniel Butler, Nathan M'Coon, Samuel Larkin, Joseph Hiscox, Samuel Button, jun. and Timothy Porter.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN;

Alexander Brown, jun. Jonathan Card, Joshua Allen, Ebenezer Smith, Thomas Eldred (*Son of William*) Thomas Smith, John Huling, Charles Tillinghast, Cary Clarke, jun. George Vaughan, Benjamin Congdon (*Son of Joseph*) Elnathan Sweet, Sylvester Havens, Sylvester Hyams, Matthew Cooper, and Matthew Allen.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN;

Thomas Rodman, Joseph Knowles, Benjamin Rodman, Benjamin Weight, Joseph Seager, Edward Perry, Gideon Casey, Jeremiah Crandal, John Hazzard, Charles Hull, George Babcock, jun. James Gardner, Peter Bofs, jun. Benjamin Bofs, William Wilcox, Benjamin Shearman, and Freeman Perry.

EAST-GREENWICH;

Joshua Rathbun, David Sweet, George Weaver, William Bently, Joseph Carpenter, Josiah Burlingame, jun. Joseph Carpenter, John Ayllworth, Joseph Corey, Thomas Spencer (*Son of Benjamin*) William Bentley, George Weaver, Nicholas Spencer, Thomas Place, Thomas Place, jun. Thomas Briggs, and George Wightman.

JAMESTOWN;

Thomas Bentley, Isaac Howland, and David Greene.

SMITHFIELD;

Caleb Smith, Reuben Aldrich, Samuel Cruft, Edmund Jenckes, Peter Tifft, Joseph Cumstock, Jonathan Sprague, Hazadiah Cumstock, Jeremiah Arnold, Amos Sprague, Joseph Herrendon, Daniel Smith (*Son of Elisba*) Abraham Scott, Maturin Ballow, John Phillips, Peter Tifft, Caleb Smith, Jonathan Read, Samuel Cruft, Nathan Tucker, Joseph Cumstock, Benjamin Buffum, Edmund Jenckes, Benjamin Burton, Benjamin Slocum, Abiah Angel, Jacob Arnold, Joshua Lapham, Hazadiah Cumstock, jun. Richard Plumer, Enoch Sprague, Robert Woodward, William Staples, and Daniel Arnold.

SITUATE:

Robert Potter, Hugh Relph, Nathan Young, Jeremath Hopkins, Isaac Howard, Stephen Foster, Joseph Herrendon, jun. Enoch Place, Nathan Place, Hugh Pray, Stephen Williams, Benjamin Wight *the third*; Thomas Collins (*Son of Eleazer*) Joseph Berry, Thomas Hill, Jonathan Knight, James Matthewson, Robert Potter, jun. Jabez Relph, Richard Pray, Amos Herrendon, Benjamin Vaughan, Robert Williams, and Esquire Bucklin.

G L O C E S T E R ;

John Wells, Jeremiah Phillips, jun. Joseph Aldrich, Obadiah Lewis, Jeremiah Sweet, Hezekiah Tinckom, Joseph Richardson, Goliath Williams, Eliphalet Eddy, Samuel Phetteplace, Reuben Coombes, Ebenezer Salsbury, John Johnson, Joseph Albee, Jeremiah Cumstock, Richard Smith, jun. Joseph Smith, Enoch Smith, Nehemiah Bellue, Peter Bellue, Nathanael Man, Robert Sanders, Solomon Smith, John Hunt, Elkanah Shearman, Peter Place, and Benjamin Thornton, jun.

C H A R I E S T O W N ;

Edward Perry, John Perry, James Congdon *the third*, Joseph Champlin, John Millard, jun. William Harvey, John Adams, and John Adams, jun.

W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

Thomas Welch, Clark Rogers, Job Cumstock, Thomas Cumstock, jun. Benjamin Gorton, Benjamin Reynolds, Nathanael Niles, jun. Benjamin Tillinghast, Jacob Moat, Benjamin Greene, Samuel Gardner, John Hall (*Son of Preserved*) Simeon Draper, Nathanael Niles *the third* ; John Austin, jun. Jonathan Lee, and Alexander Hopkins.

C O V E N T R Y ;

Peter Ureing, Samuel Matteson, and Stuckly Westcot.

E X E T E R ;

Ephraim Codner, jun. John Wilbore, Nathanael Barber, Samuel Weight, jun. Daniel Sunderlen, John Reynolds, Thomas Wilcox, jun. Samuel Rogers, Amos Gardner, Samuel Weight, jun. Thomas Wilcox, John Whitford Daniel Gill, Nathanael Cotterell, Robert Ayllsworth, jun. John Rathbun (*Son of John*) Thomas Joffelin, Samuel Watton, Valentine Whitman, Joseph Rogers, Deliverance Cleaveland, John Nichols, Ichabod Cloffen, Robert Reynolds, Robert Reynolds, jun. Benjamin Hyams, Thomas Rathbun, jun. Benjamin Rathbun, John Reynolds *the third*, and Moses Shearman.

M I D D L E T O W N ;

Jonathan Coggeshall, Giles Slocum, Thomas Weaver (*Son of Clement*) Jonathan Rogers, and James Clark.

B R I S T O L ;

Richard Smith, Nathanael Waldron, Joseph Read, Belcher Ady, John Peckham, John Reynolds, jun. Jeremiah Munro, and Benjamin Manchester.

T I V E R T O N ;

James Ruffel, Silvanus Westgate, William Soule, Samuel Lamunyon, Thomas Cory (*Son of Philip*) Thomas Durfey, James, Durfey, Jonathan Davenport, Efek Cloffen, Isaac Manchester,
B Robert

Robert Dennis, Michael Macomber, George Borden, and Richard Springer.

LITTLE-COMPTON;

Joseph Taylor, Aaron Grinnel, and Jeremiah Shaw, jun.

WARREN;

Benjamin Barton, jun. Amos Bowen, Enoch Remington, Robert Estabrooke, jun. Samuel Humphrey, and Solomon Townsend.

CUMBERLAND;

Thomas Lapham, Thomas Joslin, Moses Walcott, Ebenezer Ward, Jonathan Fisher, and Henry Ray.

RICHMOND;

Samuel Wilbore, James Wilcox, Caleb Barber, Edward Barber, Stephen Hoxsie, John Richmond, George Kinyon, James Clarke, Peleg Thomas, and William Tefft.

At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations* in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun and held at *Newport*, on the first Wednesday of *May*, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four*, and in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

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NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPIT, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;		JEOPFREY WATSON, Esq;	

The

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;

Edward Scott, Esq;
 Thomas Cranston, Esq;
 Peter Bours, Esq;
 Mr. Job Bennet, jun.
 James Sheffield, Esq;
 Mr. William Read.
 Providence ;
 Jonathan Randall, Esq;
 Daniel Jenckes, Esq;
 Mr. Thomas Olney,
 Mr. John Potter, jun.
 Portsmouth ;
 William Anthony, jun. Esq;
 John Allen, Esq;
 Mr. Thomas Brownel,
 Mr. Gideon Freeborn.
 Warwick ;
 Philip Greene, Esq;
 Capt. Randal Rice,
 Maj. John Rhodes,
 Benjamin Arnold, Esq;
 Westerly ;
 Maj. Joshua Clarke,
 Capt. Benj. Randal.
 Newshoremham ;
 Capt. Robert Hull,
 Mr. Nathanael Littlefield.
 North-Kingstown ;
 Mr. Henry Wall,
 Beriah Brown, Esq;
 South-Kingstown ;
 Mr. Henry Gardner,
 Rowland Robinson, Esq;
 East-Greenwich ;
 William Spencer, Esq;
 Maj. John Arnold.
 Jamestown ;
 Mr. Josiah Arnold, jun.
 Mr. William Martin.
 Smithfield ;
 Thomas Arnold, Esq;

Mr. Jonathan Arnold.
 Scituate ;
 Job Randal, Esq;
 Capt. Amos Hammond.
 Gloucester ;
 Richard Steere, Esq;
 Richard Smith, Esq;
 Charlestown ;
 Col. Christopher Champlin,
 Mr. Robert Potter.
 West-Greenwich ;
 Mr. Joseph Nichols,
 Mr. Preserved Hall.
 Coventry ;
 Mr. John Greene,
 Capt. John Elkerton.
 Exeter ;
 Capt. John Reynolds,
 Mr. Nicholas Gardner.
 Middletown ;
 John Barker, Esq;
 Mr. Thomas Gould.
 Bristol ;
 Joseph Russel, Esq;
 Maj. Thomas Greene
 Tiverton ;
 Samuel Dursey, Esq;
 Mr. Thomas Howland.
 Little-Compton ;
 Nathanael Searl, Esq;
 Joseph Wood, Esq;
 Warren ;
 Mr. James Brown,
 Capt. Benj. Barton.
 Cumberland ;
 Job Bartlet, Esq;
 Jeremiahs Whipple, Esq;
 Richmond ;
 Mr. Samuel Tift,
 Mr. William Potter.

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker : And

Mr. JOSIAS LYNDON, Clerk of the Lower House.

By

THIS being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both civil and military, the Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen to serve the Colony in the respective Offices ascribed to their Names.

The Hon. *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Gov. *Engag'd.*

The Hon. *JOHN GARDNER*, Esq; Dep. Gov. *Engag'd.*

John Tillinghast, Esq; First Asslist; *Engag'd.*

Nicholas Easton, Esq; Second Asslist. *Engag'd.*

Nicholas Cooke, Esq; Third Asslist. *Engag'd.*

Jabez Bowen, Esq; Fourth Asslist. *Engag'd.*

Stephen Brownell, Esq; Fifth Asslist. *Engag'd.*

Robert Lawton, Esq; Sixth Asslist. *Engag'd.*

Jeremiah Lippit, Esq; Seventh Asslist. *Engag'd.*

William Richmond, Esq, Eighth Asslist. *Engag'd.*

Daniel Coggeshall, Esq; Ninth Asslist. *Engag'd.*

Jeoffry Watson, Esq; Tenth Asslist. *Engag'd.*

Thomas Ward, Esq; Secret. *Engag'd.*

Daniel Updike, Esq; Attorn. Gen. *Engag'd.*

Thomas Richardson, Esq; Gen. Treas. *Engag'd.*

<i>Stephen Hopkins</i> , Esq; chief	} Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.
<i>Jonathan Randal</i> , Esq; second	
<i>William Richmond</i> , Esq; third	
<i>Joseph Russell</i> , Esq; fourth	
<i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; fifth	

Col. *Samuel Lyndon*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Col. *Christopher Harris*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Col. *William Pendleton*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*.

Col. *Stephen Low*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Lieut. Col. *John Burrington*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Lieut. Col. *Resolved Waterman*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Lieut. Col. *Ephraim Gardner*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*.

Lieut. Col. *Samuel Soule*, Lieutenant Col. of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Maj. *Wing Spooner*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Maj. *Samuel Currie*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Maj. *Joshua Clarke*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*,

Mr.

Mr. *Henry Rice*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Edward Scott, *Peter Bours*, *Daniel Gould*, *Caleb Hill*, and *William Anthony*, jun. Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Newport*.

Daniel Jenckes, *Job Randal*, *Thomas Lapham*, *Richard Steere*, and *Thomas Arnold*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Providence*.

Stephen Hazzard, *Immanuel Northup*, *James Helme*, *Thomas Brown*, and *Benoni Hall*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Kings County*.

Jonathan Peck, *Matthew Allen*, *Thomas Greene*, *James Mason*, and *James Smith*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Bristol*.

Thomas Fry, *John Greene*, *William Spencer*, *John Holden*, and *Daniel Howland*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Kent*.

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Newport*.

George Brown, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Providence*.

Mr. *Benjamin Peckom*, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Kings County*.

Mr. *Thomas Throop*, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace. in and throughout the County of *Bristol*.

Mr. *John Walton*, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Kent*.

Joseph Scott, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

John Mawney, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*.

Nathanael Bosworth, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Benjamin Arnold, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

The Hon. *Gideon Wadton*, *Benjamin Nichols*, *James Sheffield*, *Obediah Brown*, *Samuel Chace*, *James Arnold*, *George Brown*, *Nicholas Easton*, and *Benjamin Hazzard*, Esqrs. the Grand Committee, or Trustees of the Colony, for signing Bills of Public Credit, &c.

And the aforeſaid *Benjamin Nichols* is alſo appointed to have and take the Care and Charge of the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages, and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon ; and alſo to make and give proper Acquittances and Diſcharges on the Mortgages, or otherwiſe upon the Receipt of any of the Colony's Money, and in Caſe of Non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all ſuch as ſhall reſuſe or omit to make due Payment.

Juſtices of the ſeveral Towns.

NEWPORT;

Martin Howard, Samuel Collins, Charles Bardin, Jeremiah Clark, Thomas Ward, Peter Eaſton, Joſeph Sylveſter, Barnabas Hargill, and Daniel Goddard.

PROVIDENCE;

George Taylor, Henry Harris, Chriſtopher Harris, Thomas Fenner (*Son of Joſeph*), Zuriel Waterman, Joſeph Harris, William Burton, Joſeph Snow, Ebenezer Jencks, Matthew Manchester, Richard Waterman, James Angel, and Samuel Nightengale.

PORTSMOUTH;

William Hall, Weſton Hicks, William Earle, and Jeremiah Angel.

WARWICK;

James Greene, William Warner, Othniel Gorton, Robert Weſtgate, and Daniel Scranton.

WESTERLY;

William Hearne, Silas Greenman, Benjamin Randall, Joſeph Crandall, jun. Benoni Smith, John Larkin, and Daniel Macoon.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN;

Edward Dyre, jun. Samuel Thomas, James Eldred, Stephen Card, Nicholas Northup, jun. Eliſha Clarke, and Samuel Albro.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN;

Samuel Tiſſe, jun. John Caſe, Benediſt Helme, Silas Niles, John Albro, William Hull, and Samuel Seager.

EAST-GREENWICH;

John Langford, Giles Pearce, John Olin, Samuel Soule, and Thomas Aldrich.

SMITHFIELD;

William Arnold, Thomas Sayles, Thomas Steere, William Jencks, John Aldrich, and Thomas Owens.

SCITUATE;

Gideon Harris, Charles Harris, John Fisk, and Samuel Dorrance.

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GLOUCESTER;

Andrew Brown, Timothy Wilmoth, Joseph Windsor, Benjamin Smith, and James Cowen.

CHARLESTOWN;

John Hill, Benjamin Hoxsie, Robert Potter, and Samuel Stanton.

WEST GREENWICH;

Jeremiah Ellis, Samuel Hopkins, William Cumstock, Philip Greene, Preserved Hall. and Isaac Johnson.

COVENTRY;

Elisba Johnson, James Colvin, Caleb Greene, George Hall, Thomas Mattison, and Randal Rice.

EXETER;

Nicholas Gardner, Job Trip, Benjamin Mowrey, Newman Perkins, Joseph Arnold, and Daniel Barber.

MIDDLETOWN;

Thomas Gould, Edward Easton, John Barker, and Joshua Coggeshall.

BRISTOL;

Shearjashub Bourn, Nathanael Fales, Leveret Hubbard, and John Howland.

TIVERTON;

Joseph Anthony, Philip Tabor, Restcom Sandford, and Samuel Hicks.

LITTLE-COMPTON;

Nathanael Searl, Joseph Wood, Robert Taylor, and Jeremiah Browncl.

WARREN;

Benjamin Miller, John Kinnicut. John Cole, James Brown, and John Adams.

CUMBERLAND;

Job Bartlet, Samuel Bartlet, John Dexter, and Jeremiah Whipple.

RICHMOND;

Stephen Richmond, William Clarke, Samuel Tefit, Elisba. Babcock, and Sylvester Kinyon.

Mr. *Edward Thurston*, chosen General Sealer of Weights and Measures.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,
That there be a Clerk of the Superior Court chosen for each County in this Colony annually

OFFICERS

OFFICERS to command the several Companies of Militia. of
Train'd Bands, in each Town in the Colony.

N E W P O R T ;

First Company : Jonathan Heath, *Captain ;* James Tanner, *Lieutenant ;* Christopher Lindsey, *Ensign.*

Second Company : Benjamin Sherburn, *Captain ;* Kendal Nichols, jun. *Lieutenant ;* John Simpson, jun. *Ensign.*

Third Company : Daniel Dunham, jun. *Captain ;* John Pitman, *Lieutenant ;* Henry Blifs, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company : Oliver Beer, *Captain ;* Richard Whitehorn, *Lieutenant ;* Zephaniah Pease, *Ensign.*

P R O V I D E N C E ;

First Company : Joseph Bucklin, *Captain ;* John Field, jun. *Lieutenant ;* William Donnoson, *Ensign.*

Second Company : Richard Sailes, jun. *Captain ;* Joseph Carpenter, *Lieutenant ;* Obediah King, *Ensign.*

Third Company : Daniel Sprague, *Captain ;* Samuel Windfor, jun. *Lieutenant ;* Joseph Waterman, jun. *Ensign.*

Fourth Company : John Pain, *Captain ;* Jonathan Sprague, *Lieutenant ;* Stephen Hawkins, *Ensign.*

Fifth Company : Charles Higginbotham, *Captain ;* Daniel Burlingham, *Lieutenant ;* Jeremiah Knight, *Ensign.*

Sixth Company : Isaiah Hawkins, *Captain ;* Charles Olney, *Lieutenant ;* Thomas Olney (*Son of Thomas*), *Ensign.*

P O R T S M O U T H C O M P A N Y ;

Clark Cornel, *Captain ;* John Fish, *Lieutenant ;* John Shrieve, jun. *Ensign.*

W A R W I C K ;

First Company : James Arnold, *Captain ;* Simon Arnold, *Lieutenant ;* John Waterman, *Ensign.*

Second Company : Ebenezer Greene, *Captain ;* Pentecost Sweet, *Lieutenant ;* James Cook, *Ensign.*

Third Company : Philip Baker, *Captain ;* Elisha Greene, *Lieutenant ;* Joseph Phillips, *Ensign.*

W E S T E R L Y ;

First Company : Joshua Thompson, *Captain ;* Joseph Clarke, *Lieutenant ;* Eber Crandall, *Ensign.*

Second Company : Hubbard Burdick (*Son of Robert*), *Captain ;* John Maccoon, jun. *Lieutenant ;* Roger White, *Ensign.*

Third Company : Samuel Gavet, *Captain ;* Stephen Saunders, *Lieutenant ;* Edward Saunders, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company : Matthew Greene, *Captain ;* Edward Wells jun. *Lieutenant ;* Daniel Maccoon, jun. *Ensign.*

N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N C O M P A N Y ;

John Dodge, *Captain ;* Joshua Sands, *Lieutenant ;* Abel Franklin, *Ensign.*

S O U T H -

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN;

First Company : William Congdon (*Son of Joseph*) *Captain* ; Caleb Hazard, *Lieutenant* ; Nathanael Mumford, *Ensign*.

Second Company : James Shearman, *Captain* ; Samuel Wilton, *Lieutenant* ; Sanford Case, *Ensign*.

Third Company : Nathan Telt, *Captain* ; Isaac Sheldon, *Lieutenant* ; Moses Barber, *Ensign*.

EAST-GREENWICH;

First Company : Preserved Peirce, *Captain* ; George Weaver, *Lieutenant* ; Nicholas Spencer, *Ensign*.

Second Company : John Gifford, *Captain* ; Benjamin Sweet, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Silas Jones, *Ensign*.

JAMESTOWN;

Samuel Slocum, *Captain* ; George Franklin, *Lieutenant* ; Benj Carr (*Son of Edward*), *Ensign*.

SMITHFIELD;

First Company : John Angel, *Captain* ; Elisba Sailes, *Lieutenant* ; William Pullin, *Ensign*.

Second Company : John Sailes, *Captain* ; Stephen Arnold, *Lieutenant* ; Elisba Arnold, *Ensign*.

Third Company : Silvanus Sailes, *Captain* ; Daniel Mowrey, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Isaac Medberry, *Ensign*.

GLOCESTER;

First Company : Isaiah Inman, *Captain* ; Israel Sailes, *Lieutenant* ; Richard Smith, jun. *Ensign*.

Second Company : Joseph Olney, *Captain* ; John Ross, *Lieutenant* ; Rufus Smith, *Ensign*.

CHARLESTOWN;

Peleg Crofs, *Captain* ; Enoch Kinyon, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Nathanael Sheffield, *Ensign*.

WEST-GREENWICH;

First Company : Samuel Gardner, *Captain* ; John Case, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Samuel Niles, *Ensign*.

Second Company : Jonathan Matthewson, *Captain* ; Griffin Sweet, *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Weight, *Ensign*.

COVENTRY;

First Company : Jonathan Nichols, *Captain* ; Thomas Stafford (*Son of Thomas*) *Lieutenant* ; John Johnson, jun. *Ensign*.

Second Company : Caleb Vaughan, *Captain* ; James Green (*Son of Daniel*) *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Weaver, *Ensign*.

EXETER;

Second Company : John Willbore, *Captain* ; Thomas Gardner, *Lieutenant* ; John Rathbun (*Son of John*) *Ensign*.

MIDDLETOWN;

William Bliss, *Captain*; James Barker the third, *Lieutenant*; James Peckham, *Ensign*.

TIVERTON;

William Manchester (*Son of John*) *Captain*; Joseph Crandal, *Lieutenant*; George Cook, *Ensign*.

LITTLE-COMPTON;

Benjamin Simmons, *Captain*; Thomas Brownel, jun. *Lieutenant*; Isaac Simmons, *Ensign*.

CUMBERLAND;

First Company: Daniel Wilkinson, *Captain*; Nathanael Whipple, *Lieutenant*; Benjamin Tower, *Ensign*.

Second Company. Gideon Tower, *Captain*; John Nicholson, *Lieutenant*; Charles Capron, *Ensign*.

Newport Troop of Horse;

Samuel Bayley, *Captain*; William Briggs (*Son of Job*), *Lieutenant*; Israel Shaw, *Cornet*.

Providence Troop of Horse;

John Hoyle, jun. *Captain*; Eliphalet Philbrook, *Lieutenant*; James Field, *Cornet*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Choice of Commission Officers for the several Companies hereafter named, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session of this Assembly, viz. All Three of North-Kingstown, all Three of Scituate, first of Exeter. the Company in Bristol, second Company in Tiverton, Warren Company, and Richmond.

WHEREAS *John Rathbun* the third, of *Exeter*, in the County of *Kings County*, Yeoman, represented unto this Assembly, That at the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, begun and held at *South-Kingstown*, in and for the County of *Kings County*, on the second Tuesday of *April* last, the said *John* was indicted; for that upon the twentieth Day of *July*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-seven, and at divers Times after in said Year, he the said *John* did at *Exeter* aforesaid, with Force and Arms, counsel, advice, and encourage *William Reynolds*, late of said *Exeter*, Silversmith, in engraving and making one false and counterfeit Plate in the Imitation and Likeness of a true Plate of the Province of *New-Hampshire*, of the Denomination of Six Shillings New-Tenor, equivalent to Twenty Four Shillings Old-Tenor, and from which true Plate were emitted by said Province, Bills of Public Credit that passed in said Colony, and said false and counterfeit Plate was at said-Time and

and Place made ; which aforeſaid Aſt of him the ſaid *John Rathbun*, is againſt a Statute Law of this Colony in this Caſe made and provided, and againſt his Maſeſty's Peace, his Crown and Dignity : And the ſaid *John Rathbun* the Third, being arraigned, pleaded *Guilty*. In like Manner, the aforeſaid *John Rathbun* was indicted, for that with Force and Arms, he the ſaid *John Rathbun* the Third, at *Exeter*, in the aforeſaid County, Yeoman, on the fifth Day of *April*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty-seven, and at divers Times after in ſaid Year, did at *Exeter*, in ſaid County, with Force and Arms, counſel, adviſe, and encourage *William Reynolds*, late of *Exeter*, Silverſmith, in the Engraving and Making one falſe and counterſeit Plate of the Colony aforeſaid, whereupon the Bills of Public Credit of ſaid Colony, of the Denomination of Two Shillings and Six Pence New-Tenor, equal to Ten Shillings Old-Tenor, were impreſſed in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty-one ; which ſaid falſe and counterſeit Plate was at ſaid Time made and ingraven : Which Aſt of him the ſaid *John Rathbun* the Third, is contrary to a Statute Law of this Colony in this Caſe made and provided, and is againſt his Maſeſty's Peace, his Crown and Dignity ; and the ſaid *John Rathbun* the Third being arraigned, pleaded *Guilty*. In like Manner, the ſaid *John Rathbun* the Third, was indicted ; for that with Force and Arms at *Exeter* in ſaid County, upon the firſt Day of *May*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty-seven, and at divers Times after in ſaid Year, he the ſaid *John* did wickedly counſel, adviſe, and encourage *William Reynolds*, late of ſaid *Exeter*, Silverſmith, in the Engraving and Making one falſe and counterſeit Plate in the Imitation and Likeneſs of the true Plate wherefrom the Bills of Public Credit of ſaid Colony, of the Denomination of Twenty Shillings New-Tenor, equivalent to Four Pounds Old-Tenor, were impreſſed in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty-one ; which ſaid falſe and counterſeit Plate, was at ſaid Time and Place engraved and made : Which aforeſaid Aſt of him the ſaid *John Rathbun*, is contrary to a Statute Law of ſaid Colony in that Caſe provided, and is againſt his Maſeſty's Peace, his Crown and Dignity ; and the ſaid *John Rathbun*, upon being arraigned, pleaded *Guilty*. Upon all which Indictments, the ſaid *John* was convict, whereupon by the Conſideration of ſaid Court, the ſaid *John* was ſentenced, That on the Twentieth Day of this Inſtant *May*, he, the ſaid *John*, ſhould ſtand in the Pillory by the Space of one Hour, have both his Ears cropt, and be branded with a hot Iron, with the Letter R on each Cheek : That he pay double Damages to all Perſons he had defrauded and cheated by Bills impreſſed from ſaid falſe Plates, or either of them : That he pay all Coſt of Proſecution, and forfeit all the Remainder of his Eſtate both Real and Perſonal, to his Maſeſty, to and for the Uſe of the Colony : And that he remain in Cuſtody till ſaid Sentence be performed. Which ſaid Court
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being informed, that the said *John Rathbun* the Third was surprized into said Confession and Conviction, and being fully satisfied of the unfair Dealing with said *John*, by Means of Neglect of the Justices who took his and other's Examination, were pleased, in Honour to the Colony, and Justice to said *John*, to recommend the Consideration of his Case to the favourable Interposition of the General Assembly, for that the said Court was not informed of the Promises and Assurances made to the said *John*, when he was first prevailed upon to make a Confession of his Knowledge in this Matter, as by the Proceedings of said Court, at large may appear. And the said *John* farther represented, That he was promised and assured by the Justices who examined him in *Exeter*, (finding that he had a full Knowledge of the whole Transaction of *William Reynolds* and his Company, in making counterfeit Plates and Money) and being sensible they could not get and obtain the Knowledge thereof, but by and thro' him the said *John*, in Behalf of the Government, assured him of being a King's Evidence against said *Reynolds* and his said Company, provided he would confess the Fact; which he the said *John* entirely relying and depending upon, did then make an ample and full Confession to said Justices of his whole Knowledge of said Affair, and that they promised to represent to the Justices of the Superior Court, that as he had so done, he might be made an Evidence against the said *William Reynolds* and his said Company. Nevertheless, it so happened, that it was neglected, the Justices depending on one another; so that no one informed the said Court thereof, he the said *John* was indicted and convicted to his great Surprise. But so soon as the Justices had heard of it, they instantly made Application to the Superior Court, who thought it grievous hard, that he should suffer criminally, for a joint Offence, that would never have been discovered but for him; and confiding in the Honour of the Government, pledged to him by the said Justices, prayed he may not be made a Sacrifice of, for discovering so pernicious a Confederacy against the Colony and all Mankind; and that the Honour of the Colony may be performed, when Justices and Officers in Authority. pledge it for the Good of the Government, Men may rely upon it: And upon the whole, he prayed. That according to the Power and Authority reposed in the General Assembly by the Charter, he might have a full and free Pardon granted unto him, of all and every the said Offences whereby he stands convicted as aforesaid, and disanul and make void said Sentence, and order that he be discharged from his Imprisonment immediately, he paying all Costs and Charges that have hitherto arose. And this Assembly having duly examined and considered the subject Matter aforesaid, *Do Vote, Enact, and Resolve, and it is Voted, Enacted, and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said *John Rathbun's* Petition be, and the same is hereby granted.

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Whereas *John Cogswell*, late of the Colony of *Connecticut*, represented unto this Assembly, That he is now confined in his Majesty's Goal in *Newport*, under very melancholly and distressing Circumstances, occasioned by his own imprudent and bad Conduct; yet as he is now truly sensible of the Heinousness of the Crime for which he is under Sentence of the Law, and for which he must submit to Punishment, that will render his future Life uncomfortable, uneasy, and troublesome, and will thereby render him in some Measure useless to the Community, ^{the} ~~your~~ Mercy should interpose and mix with Justice: And altho' ^{the} ~~your~~ Petitioner himself is not in any Condition to make suitable Satisfaction for the Injury he hath offered to the Public, yet some of his Relations are in more flourishing Circumstances, and who have hitherto maintained a fair Character in the World, would for the said *John Cogswell's* Relief, as well as to avoid the Ignominy that will attend on the Execution of his Sentence, advance as much as the said *John* hath unjustly received from several Persons, many of whom are Inhabitants of this Colony, by passing and putting off counterfeit Money to the Amount of Nine Hundred Pounds, and would also pay all such Sums of Money as this Colony have expended in the Apprehending and Convicting the said *John Cogswell*, provided the General Assembly would, in their great Clemency, remit such Corporal Punishment as is due to such Offenders: Which Act of Favour and Mercy, if granted him, he having a just Sense and Abhorrence of his former Miscalriages, and particularly this, for which he is under the just Frown of the Law, will lay him under a deeper Obligation to lead a Life the Reverse of his former, and thereby in some Measure atone to the Public for this his great Offence.

And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote, Resolve, and Enact, and it is Voted, Resolved, and Enacted*, That upon the said *John Cogswell's* lodging in the General Treasury of this Colony, the Sum of Sixteen Hundred Pounds, for changing the Counterfeit Sixteen Pound Bills he was convicted of making and fraudulently dispersing, for a valuable Consideration, among the Inhabitants of this Colony, and paying the whole Charge the Government hath been at in apprehending him, and the Charge of Conviction, or giving to the General Treasurer of this Colony, sufficient Security for the Payment of so much thereof, in Six Months, as he shall not pay down, on or before the Eighth Day of this Instant *May*, he the said *John Cogswell* shall be acquitted from the Pains and Penalties of said Sentence and Condemnation, and be fully pardoned.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of the Lower House and *John Tillinghast*, Esq;
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be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer, respecting the Light-House Money.

This Assembly do also Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Gentlemen aforesaid be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to receive of the late Captain of Fort George, the Stores thereto belonging, and deliver them to James Sheffield, Esq; now Commander of said Fort.

Whereas it appears, that John Cogswell has exchanged One Hundred and Twelve Pounds of the Counterfeit Sixteen Pound Bills by him passed; *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said One Hundred and Twelve Pounds be deducted out of the Sixteen Hundred Pounds which he is ordered to lodge in the General Treasury.*

An ACT for naturalizing Jacob Lund.

WHEREAS Jacob Lund, now residing at Newport in this Colony, represented unto this Assembly, That he is a Native of Norway, in the Dominions of the King of Denmark; that he hath been for several Years in the British Service, and being desirous of settling with his Family in this Colony, prayed to be naturalized.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said Jacob Lund be, and is hereby Naturalized, and forever hereafter shall be adjudged and taken to all Intents and Purposes, to be Naturalized. and is rendered and made equal in all Respects, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony, provided he take the State Oaths, and all other Oaths by Law required.

Whereas Benjamin Hazard, Esq; one of the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for a Journey to Woodstock, and attending the Court there five Days, with his Expences and Horse; and another Journey of seven Days going to and attending the Court at Windham, for his Expences, the Ride of his Horse, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Fifty-three Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Benjamin Hazard out of the General Treasury.*

This Assembly do choose & appoint each and every of the Gentlemen named in the following List to be Clerks of the Superior Court of Judicature Court of Oyer and General Sessions Delivery in and for the County of Kent to his Name

Mr. John Herber Esq.	for Newport
Samuel Chace Esq.	Providence
Mr. Lathrop Esq.	Swains County
Mr. Thomas Sprague Esq.	Philad.
Mr. Joseph Sprague	Kent

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for drawing of the *Kent Lottery* be lengthned out to the second Monday of *September* next.

Whereas *Jeremiah Lippit, James Helme, George Brown, James Sheffield,* and *Benjamin Nichols,* Esqrs. were appointed a Committee, and fully impowered to settle with *Jahleel Brenton,* Esq; the Controversy which hath so long subsisted between the Colony and said *Jahleel,* in the best Manner they could ; but having left the Business altogether unfinished, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That *Stephen Hopkins* and *Benjamin Nichols,* Esqrs. be, and they are hereby fully impowered to settle with the said *Jahleel Brenton* in the best Manner they can ; to receive what shall appear to be due from him to the Colony, and to give him a full Discharge in Behalf of the Colony.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Acts and Orders made and passed by the General Assembly at their Session in *February* last, and furnishing Paper for the Work : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Seventeen Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of the Lower House and *Edward Scott,* Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive of the late Deputy Governor *Jonathan Nichols,* Esq; the Duplicate of the Charter, and deliver it to his Honour the present Deputy Governor, giving and taking a Receipt for the same.

Whereas the Sheriff of the County *Newport.* was ordered by the General Assembly, at their Session in *February* last, to bring *Gideon Wanton,* Esq; before this Assembly at their present Session, to answer for his Abuses to said General Assembly : But upon the Information of the Sheriff, that the said *Gideon Wanton* is absent, so that he cannot attend this Session, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said *Gideon Wanton* be continued in the Custody of said Sheriff, and be by him brought before this Assembly at their next Session, to answer for the aforesaid Abuses.

Whereas *William Paul* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for Horse-hire and Expences in a Journey by him made to *Preson* in the Public Service : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve,*
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and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed; and that Twenty-four Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Paul* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Commissioners appointed to distribute the Estate of *Joseph Whipple*, Esq; among his Creditors, do retain in their Hands the Sum of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Eleven Pence of said Estate, until further Orders from the General Assembly; and that all such Creditors to said Estate, as have not yet given in their Claims to said Commissioners, have the Liberty of doing the same at any Time before the first Day of *September* next.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Records of the several Superior and Inferior Courts of the Colony be inspected; and that the several Persons hereafter named, be Committees for that Purpose, *viz.* *Edward Scott*, Esq; *Mr. James Honyman*, and *Mr. Martin Howard*, jun. for the County of *Newport*; *Stephen Hopkins*, *Daniel Jencks*, Esq; and *Nicholas Brown* for the County of *Providence*; *Mr. William Potter*, *Mr. Rowland Robinson*, and *Beriah Brown*, Esq; for the County of *Kings County*; *Maj. Thomas Greene*, *Joseph Russel*, and *Shearjashub Bourne*, Esqrs. for the County of *Bristol*; and *Philip Green*, *Jeremiah Lippitt*, Esqrs. and *Mr. Daniel Howland*, for the County of *Kent*: And that they make Report to next Session of Assembly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to their next Session: And that the Secretary proclaim in *Newport* by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which is hereby adjourned to the second Monday of *June* next.

GOD Save the KING.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations* in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun and held by Adjournment at *Newport*, on the second Monday of *June*, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four*, and in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*. King, Defender Faith, &c.

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Capt. <i>Amos Hammond</i> .	}	
Glocester ;	}	
<i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq;	}	

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*. Clerk of the Lower House.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,
That two Commissioners be appointed on the Part of this Colony, to meet Commissioners of the other Governments at Albany on the fourteenth Day of this Instant June.

An ACT in Addition to an Act, entitled, *An Act against Adultery, Polygamy, and unlawfully marrying Persons; and for the Relief of such Persons as are injured by the Breach of Marriage Covenants.*

*W*Hereas no Provision is made by the said Act, for the Maintenance of the Woman, in any Case where a Divorce is made, and the Marriage of Persons thereby dissolved.

*B*E it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, in every Case in which they shall pronounce Sentence of Divorce, shall assign unto the Woman divorced, such Part of the Estate of her late Husband, as the Circumstances of the said Estate may reasonably admit, or such a Sum annually, during her Life, or while she remains sole, as they in their Discretion shall think fit.

AND be it further Enacted That it shall be in the Power of the Justices aforesaid, to allow to any Woman that has been already divorced by Virtue of the abovesaid Act, upon her preferring a Petition to them, and making it appear that she is in necessitous Circumstances, a competent Maintenance out of the Estate of her late Husband, or such a Sum annually during her Life, or while she remains sole, as they in their Discretion shall think fit; and that for all Petitions of that Kind, the same Fees be allowed, as are by Law stated in Actions for Tryal: Any Law, Custom, or Usage. to the contrary, in anywise, notwithstanding.

*T*His Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Acts at any Time passed, respecting the turning a Branch of Paucatuck River be, and they, and every of them, are hereby repealed.

An ACT empowering the Sheriffs to sell and give Deeds of Lands mortgaged and forfeited to the Colony.

*W*Hereas there is no Law prescribing the Method and Manner of disposing of such mortgaged Lands as are or shall be forfeited to the Colony, and Judgments obtain'd for the same:

*B*E it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Sheriff, after having levied Execution on any Land mortgaged to the Colony's Trustees, for which a Judgment of Court has been obtained, shall set up Notifications in three or more public Places in the Town, and one Notification on or near the Door of the Court House in the County in which the Land lies, for the Space of three Months after Execution

tion is levied ; and before the Land is exposed to Sale, notifying all Persons concerned, of the whole Proceedings, that the Mortgager of the said Land, his Heirs and Assigns, may have Time and Notice to come in and redeem the same ; and if no Person appear to redeem the said Land, then the Sheriff shall sell the same at a Public Vendue, and a Deed thereof by him given as Sheriff, shall make to the Buyer a good Estate against the said Mortgager, his Heirs, and Assigns : And the Money arising by the Sale, after all lawful Costs and Charges are deducted, shall within three Months after the Sale, be paid by the Sheriff into the Grand Committee's Office, and be accounted for and burnt at the next ensuing Audit, and a Receipt of the Keeper of the said Office, shall be a full Discharge to the Sheriff for the Sum so paid ; and if the said Sum be more than was due on the Mortgage of the said Land for Principal and Interest, the Overplus shall remain in the said Office, and be paid upon Demand (exclusive of the Interest due to the Colony, which Interest shall be paid into the General Treasurer's Office) to the Mortgager, his Heirs, or Assigns, he or they giving a Receipt for the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Lands mortgag'd and sold as aforesaid, the Mortgager shall be foreclosed of all other Equity of Redemption ; and all Actions brought for the Recovery of such Lands, or any Part thereof, by the Mortgager, his Heirs or Assigns, shall be barred in all Courts of Judicature within this Colony.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Sheriff who sold the Land, shall neglect to pay the Money arising on the Sale, within the Time aforesaid, he shall forfeit the whole Sum the Land sold for ; and the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office for the Time being, is hereby fully authorized and empowered to sue for and recover the same in an Action of Debt, in which the Defendant shall be allowed to make no Plea but only to the Issue.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Deed or Deeds given for such Lands, shall be of the same Form, mutatis mutandis ; and leaving out the Words Jointures and Dowers, as that prescribed by a Law of the Colony, [made and passed A. D. 1737. entitled, An Act setting forth the Form of a Deed to be given by the Sheriff, for Lands sold by him after being attached for satisfying Debts ; the Preamble being altered in this or some like Manner : To all People to whom these Presents shall come, A. B. Esq; Sheriff of the County of _____ in the Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. sends Greeting.

WHEREAS there is an Act of the General Assembly of the Colony aforesaid, made and passed at their Session held at
Newport,

Newport, within and for said Colony, on the second Monday of June A. D. 1754. entitled, *An Act empowering the Sheriffs to sell and give Deeds of Lands mortgaged to the Colony*: by Virtue of which Act, the Lands or Real Estate of _____ mortgaged to the Colony Trustees, and for which they obtain'd Judgment at an Inferior Court of Common Pleas held at _____ within and for the County of _____ on the _____ Tuesday of _____ and Execution has been levied on the same, have been sold at Public Vendue, and all the Steps of the afore-mentioned Act of Assembly, hitherto exactly pursued.

NOW Know ye, That I the said A. B. &c.

An ACT in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the seventeenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Bills of Public Credit emitted, or that shall be hereafter emitted by any of the Governments in New-England, and to prevent defacing the same.*

Forasmuch as the before-mention'd Act hath, by Experience, been found ineffectual to prevent daring and abandoned Villains from counterfeiting the Bills of Public Credit issued by this and the Neighbouring Colonies, and their continuing so frequently making false Bills, and so many honest People's being imposed upon and cheated by them, makes it absolutely necessary for the Good of Society, that some more severe and exemplary Punishment should be inflicted on those who are the first Instruments in so growing an Evil.

And Therefore;

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is hereby Enacted, That any Person who shall, after the Publication of this Act, make and engrave any Plate, or any other Implement or Device, for the making or impressing any Bill in the Likeness, and in Imitation of any of the Bills of Public Credit issued by this, or any of the other Colonies or Provinces under his Majesty's Dominions in America, or impress any Bill from such Plate, Implement, or Device; and any Person who shall forge and counterfeit the Name and Hand-writing of any who have by lawful Authority signed true Bills, on any counterfeits and false Bills, every Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall not be allowed the Benefit of Clergy, but shall suffer the Pains of Death.

Whereas by the Direction of the Superior Court of Judicature held at *Providence*, within and for the County of *Providence*,

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the third Tuesday of *March* last, *David Wilkinſon*, Eſq; late high Sheriff of that County, exhibited to this Aſſembly, an Account of the Jurors Expences ariſing on executing a Writ of Partition returned to ſaid Court between *Thomas* and *Jonathan Whipple*, and *John Whipple*, as the ſame is charged on a Piece of Paper, there being no Table regulating the Sheriff's and Jurors Fees for ſuch Services, and prayed Adviſement: *This Aſſembly thereupon do Vote and Reſolve, and it is Voted and Reſolved*, That the Judges of the ſaid Superior Court be, and they are hereby impowered to order ſuch Allowance to the Jurors, as they ſhall think reaſonable for the aforeſaid Service.

This Aſſembly do Vote and Reſolve, and it is Voted and Reſolved, That *Jabez Bowen*, Eſq; *Mr. Thomas Howland*, and *Col. Chriſtopher Champlin* be, and they are hereby conſtituted a Committee, to view the Place appointed to build the Light-Houſe on *Beaver-Tail*, and conſider how much Land is neceſſary for that Purpoſe, and in what Manner the ſame ſhould be ſet off, and make Report to this Aſſembly ſo ſoon as conveniently may be.

An ACT appointing Commiſſioners on the Behalf of this Government, to meet the Commiſſioners of the other Governments in *America*, on the fourteenth Inſtant, at *Albany*, &c.

BE it Enacted by the General Aſſembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the ſame, It is Enacted, That two Perſons be appointed by the General Aſſembly, and commiſſioned by his Honour the Governor, to meet the Commiſſioners that may be appointed by the other Governments aforeſaid, to meet at *Albany* on the fourteenth Day of this Inſtant *June*; and that they be impowered in ſaid Commiſſion, to treat with the other Commiſſioners in the beſt Manner they can, to take ſuch Meaſures as will be moſt effectual to ſecure and maintain a laſting Friendſhip with the *Six Nations of Indians*; and that they be further directed and impowered in ſaid Commiſſion, to draw on the General Treasuſer of this Colony, for ſuch a Sum of Money as they ſhall think may be a ſufficient Sum for this Colony by Way of Preſents to the Chiefs of the ſaid *Six Nations*, not to exceed One Hundred Pounds Sterling: And that they be further impowered to inquire into what Ports are built and building within the Limits of His Maſteſty's Dominions in *America*, by whom, their Strength, and Situations: And that they be further directed in ſaid Commiſſion, to let the Commiſſioners on Behalf of the other Governments know, That this Government are willing and ready to do any Thing neceſſary on their Part, ſo far as they are able, to ſupport and defend the *Six Nations of Indians* from any Inſults offered to them

them by the *French*, or any of the Nations of the *Indians* in that Part of *America* : And that *Edward Scott* and *Peter Bours*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to draw Six Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor out of the General Treasury, and deliver the same to the Commissioners, in order to defray their Expences at the Congress ; and in Case there should not be Six Hundred Pounds in the Treasury, then the General Treasurer is hereby impowered to hire the same on Account and in Behalf of the Colony.

THIS Assembly do chuse and appoint *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; first, and his Honour the Deputy Governor to be the other Commissioner, to go to *Albany* on the Part of this Colony ; the latter of whom refusing, Capt. *Benjamin Wickham* was chosen in his Room ; who also refusing, *Martin Howard*, jun. of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Gent. was chosen in his Stead.

The Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the ensuing List, were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively.

Maj. Latham Clarke, Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery, in and for the County of *Kent*, in the Room of Mr. *Lippit*, who was chosen in *May*, and refuses to serve in that Office.

*David Wilkinso*n, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, in the Stead and Place of *John Mawney*, Esq; late Sheriff of said County, who died since the Election in *May*.

Elisha Greene a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warwick*, in Stead of *James Greene*, Esq; who refused.

Ebenezer Slocum and *John Rhodes*, jun. Justices of the Peace for the same Town.

Israel Arnold a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Glocester*.

Nathanael Sheffield, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for *Charlestown*.

Samuel Rogers, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*.

Samuel Windsor, jun. Captain ; *Joseph Waterman*, jun. Lieutenant ; and *Josias Thornton*, *Ensign*, of the the third Company in *Providence*.

Caleb Gorton, *Ensign*, of the third Company in *Warwick* in the Room of *Joseph Phillips* who refused.

Arthur Ayllworth, Captain ; *George Whitman*, jun. Lieutenant ; and *Samuel Spink*, *Ensign*, of the first Company in *North-Kingstown*.

Samuel Browning, jun. Captain ; *Eber Shearman* (*Son of William*) Lieutenant ; and *Jonathan Card*, *Ensign*, of the second Company in *North-Kingstown*.

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James Boone, *Captain* ; Christopher Phillips, *Lieutenant* ; and Charles Brown, *Ensign*, of the third Company in *North-Kings-town*.

Amos Hammond, *Captain* ; Thomas Collins (*Son of Thomas*) *Lieutenant* ; John Wight, *Ensign*, of the first Company in *Scituate*.

George Dorrance, *Captain* ; John Herrenden, *Lieutenant* ; and Thomas Bennet, *Ensign*, of the second Company in *Scituate*.

Joshua Angel, *Captain* ; Thomas Matthewson, *Lieutenant* ; and Oliver Westcott, *Ensign*, of the third Company in *Scituate*.

Joseph Reynolds, jun. *Captain* ; John Wardwell, *Lieutenant* ; and Nathaniel Carey, *Ensign*, of the Company or Train'd Band in the Town of *Bristol*.

William Cooke, *Captain* ; Oliver Cooke, *Lieutenant* ; and Silvanus Westcott, *Ensign*, of the second Company in *Tiverton*.

John Estabrook, *Captain* ; Josiah Humphrey, *Lieutenant* ; and Thomas Cole, *Ensign*, of the Company in *Warren*.

John Nichollson, *Captain* ; Charles Capron, *Lieutenant* ; and Samuel Carpenter, *Ensign*, of the second Company in *Cumberland*.

Nicholas Larkin, *Captain* ; William Potter, jun. *Lieutenant* ; and Edward James, *Ensign*, of the Company or Train'd Band in *Richmond*.

Daniel Dawley, *Captain* ; Samuel Weight, jun. *Lieutenant* ; and Stephen Albro, *Ensign*, of the first Company in *Exeter*.

Whereas a Petition was preferred to this Assembly, at their Session on the first Wednesday of *May* last, by several of the Inhabitants of *Scituate* in this Colony, Part of the second and Part of the third Company, or Train'd Band in said Town, representing the Difficulties they laboured under, by Reason of their great Distance from the usual Place of meeting on Training Days, to learn Military Discipline : And that there is so large a Number of Soldiers belonging to the second and third Company, that one third Part thereof will make another Company, or Train'd Band ; and then every Soldier belonging to each of said Companies, may meet together without so much Difficulty and Hardships : Which being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted : *And in Consequence thereof, Timothy Hopkins*, is chosen Captain ; *Hezekiah Walker*, Lieutenant ; and *Joseph Weatherhead*, *Ensign*, of the said fourth Company in *Scituate*.

Wherers his Honour the Deputy Governor, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government for

for a Journey by him made to *Windham* Court in *December*, One Thoutand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three ; for Horse-hire, Expences, &c. for himself and Servant in said Journey ; and at *Windham*, and from thence back again : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed ; and that One Hundred and Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid his Honour out of the General Treasury.

Whereas a great Number of the free Inhabitants of *Providence*, represented unto this Assembly, That said Town is very large, and well peopled, having about Six Hundred Freeholders therein : That all their Quarter Meetings are held in the compact Part of the Town whither many of them are obliged to travel ; some eight, nine, and others ten Miles : And that at some Seasons of the Year, traveling is difficult, &c. Whereupon they prayed said Town might be divided in the Manner and Form by them set down and described in their Petition.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do grant the said Petition, and appoint *Daniel Jencks* and *Thomas Arnold*, Esqrs. and Mr. *John Potter*, jun. a Committee to draw an Act for that Purpose.

Whereas *Jonathan Peck*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for sundry Disbursements, &c. to repair his Majesty's Goal in *Bristol* ; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Four Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Six Shillings and Three Pence, be allowed and paid the said *Jonathan Peck* out of the General Treasury.

The Gentlemen appointed to receive the Stores, &c. at Fort *George*, of Capt. *William Mumford*, late Commander of said Fort, and deliver them to *James Sheffield*, Esq; now Captain there, presented this Assembly with the following Report, &c. viz.

“ WE the Subscribers, being by the General Assembly, appointed a Committee, to receive of Capt. *William Mumford*, all the Stores at Fort *George*, and deliver them to Capt. *James Sheffield*, do Report, We have (in the Presence of Capt. *William Mumford*) delivered to Capt. *James Sheffield*, as per his Receipt, all the Stores agreeable to the List hereto annexed.

Within the Battery, viz.

24 Cannon and 24 Carriages, chiefly broken ; 868 Cannon Shot.

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Within

Within the Fort Walls, viz.

12 Cannon and 12 Carriages, 43 Handspikes, 1 Speaking Trumpet, 13 Worms, 5 spare Wheels, 31 Spung Staffs, 1 Flag, 1 Grindstone, 1 Iron Crow, 2 Wheel-barrows, 843 Cannon Shot, 8 Iron Pots, 1 Wood-Ax, 1 Frying Pan, 2 Pick Axes, 71 Four Pound Shot, 8 Ladles, 28 Pistols, 17 Small Arms, 25 Linch Stocks, 1 old Drum, 9 Cartridge Boxes, 9 Powder Horns, 18 Cartouch Boxes, 4 Half Barrels of Granado Shells, 1 Cask of Pistol Cartridges, 5 Formers, 4 Cutlasses, a small Parcel of Pistol Ball, 1 Perspective Glafs.

In the State Room ;

11 Chairs, and 1 Table.

Outside of the Fort ;

1 Triangle Gin. 1 Rowing-boat at the Wharff.

Newport, dated June 10. 1754

John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston.

“ Fort GEORGE in Newport.

R Eceived of the abovesaid Committee into my Care, all the Stores agreeable to the above List.

Witness my Hand this 10th Day of June, A. D. 1754.

James Sheffield.”

To which Report, the Committee added the following Account,
to wit.

1754. June 10. Colony of Rhode-Island, - - - Dr.---

TO our Time, &c. - - - £. 6 0 0

John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston.”

And now this Assembly having taken the Premisses into Consideration *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted ; and that Six Pounds, the Amount of the Committee's Account, be allowed and paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Messrs. *Weeden* and *Bennet* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for Bunting, and Work by them furnished, in making a Pendant for Fort George : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirty-four Pounds Six Shillings,

Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Weeden* and *Bennet* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Henry Randal* of *Scituate*, in this Colony, represented unto this Assembly, That on the Night ensuing the 27th of last Month, his House was casually burnt down to the Ground, and that among other Things, he had Six Pounds in Bills of Public Credit of the Old-Tenor, emitted by this Colony, destroyed in the Flames : Whereupon he prayed the like Sum might be granted him out of the Grand Committee's Office. And this Assembly having duly examined into the Affair, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That Six Pounds Bills of Credit of the Old-Tenor be allowed and paid the said *Henry Randal* according to his Request.

Whereas the Town-Council of *Newport*, represented unto this Assembly, That altho' there is a Law of this Colony, which impowers the Town-Councils to take Bonds of any Person who marries an Executrix or Administratrix ; and in Case the Person so marrying, shall refuse to give Bond for his faithful Administration, he shall be committed to Goal in *Newport*, by Warrant from two Justices of the Peace belonging to said Town-Council : That at the Time said Act was made, the Justices of the Towns did sit in Council, but by a late Act since made, the Justices are not allowed to sit there ; and that if any Person so marrying, should refuse to give Bond, the Council hath not Power to commit nor oblige him to give Bond : And thereupon prayed an Act might be passed, to impower the Town-Councils in this Colony, to commit any who shall refuse as aforesaid, to Goal, by a Warrant from the Clerk of said Council where such Persons shall refuse.

Wherefore be it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That if any Person shall at any Time after the Publication of this Act, marry an Executrix or Administratrix, and shall refuse to give Bond, with sufficient Sureties, to the Town-Council, and their Successors, for the right, full, and due Administration of the Estate of such Testator or Intestate, by such Executrix or Administratrix, it shall and may be lawful for, and the Town-Councils in and throughout the Colony respectively, are hereby impowered to commit the Person to Goal, who shall refuse to do according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, by a Warrant from the Clerk of the Town-Council where such Person shall ^{refuse} ~~refuse~~ : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An ACT for dividing the Town of *Providence*, and incorporating the southern Part thereof, into a Township, to be distinguished and known by the Name of *CRANSTON*.

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That all the Lands in the Town of Providence, lying to the Southward of a Line beginning at the Head of the Cove, called and known by the Name of Hawkins' Cove; from thence a strait Line to the Bent of Pochasset River, a little to the Northward of Charles Dyre's, and so to continue up said River, until it comes to the Road that leads from the Town of Providence to Plainfield; and thence Westerly up said Road, until it comes to the Seven Mile Line, that is, the dividing Line between the Town of Providence and Scituate; then Southerly with said Seven Mile Line, until it comes to the South West Corner of the Township of Providence, where Providence and Scituate join on Warwick's North Line; thence Easterly on the dividing Line between Providence and Warwick, until it meets the Salt-water or River that leads up to Providence Town; then bounding on the Salt-water or River, as the same extends itself upstream towards Providence Town, until it comes to the aforementioned Bound at Hawkins' Cove.

*AND it is further Enacted, That all the Lands to the Northward of the aforementioned Line from Hawkins' Cove, to the Bent at Charles Dyre's, and so up the River, to where Plainfield Road crosses said River, and all the Lands to the Northward of said Plainfield Road, until it meet the aforesaid Seven Mile Line, and shall be and remain to the Town of Providence; and all the Lands to the Southward of the last mention'd Lines, to be distinguished and known by the Name of *CRANSTON*; and that the Inhabitants of said Cranston from time to time, have and enjoy the like Benefits, Liberties, Privileges, and Immunities, with other Towns in this Colony, according to Charter.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices of Peace living within the aforesaid Town of Cranston, shall remain and continue in their aforesaid Offices, until the next General Election; and that the first of said Justices of the Peace, grant forth his Warrant to call the Inhabitants of said Cranston together, on Tuesday the Twenty-fifth Day of this Instant June, at some convenient Place in said Town of Cranston, to elect and appoint such Town Officers as they shall have Occasion for, and the Law directs; and to appoint the Times and Places of their Town-meeting; and to chuse and elect two Deputies to represent them at October Session, and so on, as by the Charter is directed.

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AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That said Town of Cranston, shall send two Grand and two Petit Jurors to every Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery; and two Grand and two Petit Jurors to every Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, held within the County of Providence.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from henceforward the Town of Providence shall keep in Repair: the one Half of the afore-mention'd Highway or Road called Plainfield Road, from the Place where the aforesaid Pochasset River crosses the same as aforesaid, until it comes to the afore-mention'd dividing Line of Scituate and Providence; and that the Town of Cranston keep in Repair the other Half: And that the Town of Providence begin at the afore-mention'd River where it crosses said Road, and so measure one Half of the Distance from said River up said Road; which Half Providence shall keep and maintain in Repair, and the Western Half, the Town of Cranston shall keep and maintain in Repair for the future.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Debts which are now due from the Town of Providence (such as Town Debts) shall be first paid out of the Interest Money arising from the Interest of the Loan Money taken by the Inhabitants of the Town of Providence, out of the several Banks; and that after the aforesaid Town Debts are paid, that then the Interest of the aforesaid Loan Money shall go to the respective Town where the Lands are mortgaged; but in Case there should not be Interest Money enough to discharge the now Debts of the Town of Providence, that then the Inhabitants of the Town of Cranston shall raise and pay their equal Lot by levying a Rate on the Inhabitants of said Town of Cranston; and that the Debts which are now due from the Town of Providence, shall be settled and paid in Proportion as the last Town Rate was levied on the Inhabitants.

AND be it further Enacted, That the poor Persons who are now a Town Charge to the Town of Providence, shall be equally divided between the Towns of Providence and Cranston, according to the Levy of the aforesaid Rate; and that Daniel Jencks, Jonathan Randal, and Philip Greene, Esqrs. or the major Part of them, be a Committee to draw the aforesaid Line from Hawkins' Cove to the Bent of Pochasset River aforesaid, and also to settle and adjust the Debts now due from the Town of Providence, and order what Part the Town of Cranston shall pay of the same; and also what Part of the poor Persons of the Town of Providence and

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Cranston shall take as their Part ; and the Report of said Committee, or any Two of them, to be final, when made to this General Assembly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *William Burton*, Esq; shall be deemed and taken to be, and act as the first Justice in *Cranston*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed last Session, to inspect into the Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Providence*, be, and the Gentlemen (who compos'd said Committee) are hereby continued, and invested with full Power in every Respect, for that Purpose. But *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; one of the Gentlemen appointed, being absent, *Nicholas Cocks*, Esq; is chosen in his Room.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all the Fines and common Recoveries of all such Estates that heretofore have been docketed, or shall hereafter be docketed, shall be recorded; and that the several Town Clerks of such Towns where the said Land lies, that is so docketed, or hereafter shall be docketed, shall be the Chirographers, for the Recording such Fines and common Recoveries.

BE it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the future, the Freemen of each respective Town in this Colony, shall annually on the Day of Election of Town Officers, elect or chuse one or more Collector or Collectors of Rates ; and that whosoever shall be legally chosen to the Office of Collector, and shall refuse to serve in said Office, shall pay as a Fine into the Treasury of such Town, the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds ; and if the Person so chosen, shall refuse to pay the same, that then it shall and may be lawful for any Assistant, Justice of the Peace, or Warden of such Town, to grant forth a Warrant of Distress to the Sheriff or his Deputy, or the Town Sergeant, or either of the Constables of said Town, to distrain and levy so much of said Person's Goods and Chattles, as shall pay the same : And whosoever shall be chosen to the Office of Constable, and shall refuse to serve, shall pay as a Fine into the Treasury of the Town for which he shall be chosen, the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be levied in Manner as aforesaid : And that no Person shall be obliged to serve in either of said Offices, oftner than one Year in seven : And in such Towns where there are no Collectors of Rates, that there be Collectors chosen so soon as conveniently may be.

This Assembly Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Three Hundred Pounds be allowed and paid to his Honour the

the Governor, out of the General Treasury, for his last Year's Salary and extraordinary Service : And that the Sum of Fifty Pounds be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury to *Joseph Whipple* and *Jonathan Nichols*, Esqrs. late Deputy Governors, to be equally divided between them, for their last Year's Salary and extraordinary Service.

Whereas *Gideon Wanton*, Esq; on the fourteenth Day of this Instant *June*, was brought before this Assembly, in Consequence of a Warrant issued against him, upon the Information and Complaint of Mr. *Gideon Freeborn*, one of the Members of this Assembly, who upon his Engagement declared, The said *Gideon Wanton* had very grossly abused the General Assembly of this Colony :

Whereupon,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Gideon Wanton* recognize himself to the King's Majesty, in the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for his Personal Appearance at the next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, to be held at *Newport*, within and for the County of *Newport*, on the last Tuesday of *August* next, to answer unto such Things as shall then and there be objected against him, respecting the Premises, and to do and abide what shall be enjoined him by said Court, and to be of good Behaviour in the mean Time ; and that he remain in Custody till he recognize as aforesaid.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved. That *Edward Scott*, *Peter Bours*, and *James Honyman*, Esqrs. be a Committee to receive of *Thomas Ward*, Esq; late Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, of this Colony, all the Record and Papers belonging to the Clerk's Office of said Court, and deliver them to the several and respective present Clerks of said Courts, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Benjamin Wickham*, *Joseph Bull*, and *James Caboone*, all of *Newport*, in this Colony, in Behalf of themselves and Brethren, represented unto this Assembly, That they, with divers others, Inhabitants of *Newport*, have voluntarily united themselves into a loving and friendly Society, and called it by the Name of,

The Fellowship Club,

with an Intent and Design to promote the Interest of each other, Members thereof, and their Families, in all Things within their
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Power, and to consult and resolve upon such Matters and Things from time to time, as may be Serviceable to the Society, and to encourage suitable Persons to become Members thereof, as well to raise a Fund, as to relieve such Members of said Society who by Misfortunes and Losses, shall become proper Objects of the Help and Assistance of said Society, whereby the Public may be delivered from any Load or Charge that might (thro' Misfortunes) otherwise fall thereon; and to promote the Good of said Society, and the particular Interest and Advantage of the Members thereof, as Occasion, and their particular Necessities, may require, as may appear by the wholsom Rules and Orders already agreed upon by said Society, to be by them indispensibly observed: which they humbly offered to the Perusal and Consideration of this Assembly, and if approved of, they prayed an Act might be passed, incorporating them into a Body Politic, by the Name of

The FELLOWSHIP CLUB;

giving them the same Powers and Authorities contained and expressed in said Rules and Orders, with Power to chuse their own Officers, and to make such farther Rules and Orders as may promote their well being, consistent and subordinate to the Laws of the Land; and that a Charter may be granted them therefor, as to this Assembly should seem meet, &c.

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote, Resolve, and Enact, and it is Voted, Resolved, and Enacted*, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be, and the same is hereby granted, and that a Charter be drawn up accordingly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Jenckes* and *Robert Gibbs*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to receive all the Writs, Executions, and other Papers, which were in the Hands of the late *John Mowney*, Esq; as Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, at the Time of his Death, and deliver the same to *David Wilkinson*, Esq; the present Sheriff of said County, and make Report to this Assembly, at their next Session.

The Gentlemen that were appointed a Committee to view the Place designed to build a Light-House upon *Beaver-Tail*, presented this Assembly with the following Report, *viz.*

Newport, June 12. 1754.

“ WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee, by the General Assembly, to view and make Return to this Assembly, what Quantity of Land is necessary for the Government to purchase, adjoining to the Light-House on *Beaver-Tail*, which

which is ordered by the Government to be built, do adjudge, that two Acres will be necessary, that is, to begin at the Point, and to extend so far Northward, as to make up said two Acres, including all the Land, Beach, and Upland, across said Neck, from High-Water-Mark. And do also give it as our Opinion, That there ought to be a Way left on the East Side of said Land, to extend from the North Part of said Land, down to the Point between where the Light-House is intended to be built, and the dwelling House, for all People to pass and repass. As Witness our Hands, the Day and Year above-written.

Jabez Bowen,
Christopher Champlin, } Committee."
Thomas Howland, }

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby accepted; and that Messrs. *James Sheffield* and *William Read* be, and they are hereby appointed, and fully impowered in Behalf of the Colony, to agree for the above-mention'd Land with the Owners thereof, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Peleg Rogers*, *Daniel Dunham*, and *Richard Wilson*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for looking after the Colony-House, sweeping and cleaning the same, for cutting and carrying in the Wood several Times last Year, and for waiting on the Committee, &c. which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed; and that Twenty-six Pounds Five Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peleg Rogers*, *Daniel Dunham*, and *Richard Wilson*, out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Judges of the several Courts in this Colony, in making up Judgments, where the Paper Currency of this Colony is sued for, shall make no Allowance for Depreciation.

Whereas *Joseph Iveson* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Time, Horse-hire, and Expences, in a Journey which he made, to carry a Letter to *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; at *Providence*, in the Service of the Colony: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds Three

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Shillings and Six Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Treson* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Jonathan Jeffers*, Glazier, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for sixteen Squares of Sash Glass for the Colony House in *Newport*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirty-two Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *John Tillinghast* and *Thomas Cranston*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the late and present Naval-Officer, relating the Light-House, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and by the Authority of the same, it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and it is hereby referred unto their next Session: That the Secretary, within ten Days after their Rising, proclaim in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, and send Copies of them, together with Copies of the Acts and Orders made and past last Month, to each Town in the Colony according to Law, within forty Days: And that this Assembly be, and it is hereby adjourned to the third Monday of *August* next.

GOD Save the KING.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations* in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun and held by Adjournment at *Newport*, on the third Monday of *August*, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four*, and in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain. France, and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c.

P R E S E N T,

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The Speaker,	}}	Providence;
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Mr.

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North-Kingstown ;		Joseph Ruffel, Esq;
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South-Kingstown ;		Tiverton ;
Mr. Henry Gardner,		Samuel Dursfy, Esq;
Rowland Robinson, Esq;		Mr. Thomas Howland.
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William Spenser, Esq;		Nathanael Swarl, Esq;
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Mr. Josiah Arnold, jun.		Mr. James Brown,
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Smithfield ;		Cumberland ;
Thomas Arnold, Esq;		Joh Bartlet, Esq;
Mr. Jonathan Arnold.		Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
Scituate ;		Richmond ;
Joh Randal, Esq;		Mr. Samuel Tift.
Capt. Amos Hammond,		

Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.

An ACT for increasing the F nes upon Delinquent Soldiers.

*W*Hereas it hath been found by Experience, that the Fine by Law imposed upon a common Soldier, is not sufficient to keep up and sustain the Militia in this Colony :

Wherefore,

*B*E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, the Fine of every Soldier that will neglect to train upon the Day or Days by his Captain appointed, shall be Twenty Shillings a Day.

Whereas

Whereas *Samuel Chase*, Esq; one of the Grand Committtce, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Time, Trouble, Horse-hire, Boat-hire, and sundry Expences, in two Journeys, one to *Newport*, and the other to *Windham*, in order to convict some that had counterfeited Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Fifty-five Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Chase*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Dennis Mounton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Goal in *Providence*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for sundry Expences by him made in repairing said Goal, and for the Support of poor Prisoners, two committed for Forgery, and a Third for uttering counterfeit Money: Which said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed; and that Twenty-six Pounds Four Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Dennis Mounton* out of the General Treasury.

The Gentlemen of the Committee for examining the Accounts of the Naval-Officer, exhibited unto this Assembly, the following Accounts.

Dr.--The Colony of Rhode-Island, for Charges upon the Light-House.

TO Robert Jenkins's Bill,	-	-	£.	11	0	0
To Joseph Scott's Ditto,	-	-	-	80	10	0
To John Spooner's Ditto,	-	-	-	32	0	0
To Aaron Lopez's Ditto,	-	-	-	38	7	6
To Samuel Carr's Ditto,	-	-	-	8	2	0
To Abel Franklin's Ditto,	-	-	-	200	0	0
To Nathanael Walker's Ditto,	-	-	-	42	17	0
To James Easton's Ditto,	-	-	-	34	5	0
To Edward Church's Ditto,	-	-	-	7	18	0
To Nathanael Langley's Ditto,	-	-	-	1	15	0
To Stephen Ayrault's Ditto,	-	-	-	17	0	0
To Nathanael Langley's Ditto,	-	-	-	4	10	0
To Francis Skinner's Ditto,	-	-	-	42	0	0
To Henry Dunbar's Ditto,	-	-	-	18	0	0
To Ditto, Ditto,	-	-	-	18	0	0
To Ditto, Ditto,	-	-	-	15	0	0
To Ditto, Ditto,	-	-	-	40	0	0
To James Tanner's Ditto,	-	-	-	20	8	0
To Francis Skinner's Ditto,	-	-	-	20	0	0
To Edward Church's Ditto,	-	-	-	7	18	0
To Henry Dunbar, Cash paid,	-	-	-	13	0	0

To

To sundry Bills paid by <i>Joseph Sylvester</i> ; which Bills are now in the Secretary's Office, -	77	18	10
To the Naval-Officer, 5 <i>per Cent</i> upon the above Sum, -	41	0	0
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	£.	857	6 4

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BY 6951 Tons foreign Vessels, at 1/6	£.	521	6	6
By 154 Coasters, at 10s. -		77	0	0
By old Ballance due the Colony, -	-	175	18	6
By <i>Edward Church's</i> Bill carry'd twice, -		7	18	0
By Ballance due <i>Joseph Whipple</i> , Esq, -		75	3	4
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	£.	857	6	4

Newport, July 18. 1754.

John Tillinghast, } Committee.
Thomas Cranston, }

Colony,

TO our Time and Trouble, -

Dr.—

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John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston.

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted ; and that the Account thereto subjoined, be allowed, and Six Pounds, the Amount thereof, paid unto the said *John Tillinghast* and *Thomas Cranston* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Thomas Arnold* and *Thomas Lapbam*, Esqrs. with sundry others, represented unto this Assembly, That one of the most considerable Roads leading out of the Province of the *Massachusetts*, and by which the greatest Quantity of Boards, Hoops, and many other Things, are brought into this Colony, that come in any one Road in the Northern Part of the Town of *Smithfield*, crosseth a large River called *Cumstock's Branch*, which great Part of the Year is not passable for Carts or Horses, by fording : And as the want of a good Bridge across said River, had long been a very great Discongragement to the Inhabitants of said Province, from bringing their Goods into this Colony to Market, which was much to the Disadvantage of the trading Towns in it. And the Petitioners farther shewed, That in the latter Part of the Summer, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three, a Number of public-spirited Gentlemen, well knowing the great Necessity there was of a Bridge at the Place aforesaid, and the wonted

wonted Goodness of the General Assembly, to lend a helping Hand to every public Good, did undertake at their own Cost, and have actually built, and well finished a good Bridge over the said River, at the Place aforesaid; the Building of which (all Things charged at the most moderate Rate) cost more than Six Hundred Pounds: Whereupon the Petitioners prayed this Assembly to take the Matter into Consideration and grant the Persons who have built the Bridge aforesaid, such a Sum of Money out of the General Treasury, as shall be tho't reasonable to reimburse them for their Expences: And this Assembly having duly weighed the subject Matter of the Petition aforesaid, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, towards the Charge of building the afore-mentioned Bridge, and that *Thomas Arnold, Esq;* draw said Sum out of the General Treasury for the Purpose aforesaid, and Proportion the same among the Persons that did the Work, according to the Amount of the several Bills.

Whereas the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, which was to have been held at *Bristol*, within and for the County of *Bristol*, on the second Tuesday of *April* last, fell thro', by Reason the Weather proved so tempestuous, that it was impracticable for the Judges to meet: And thence great Failure of Justice is likely to ensue:

For Preventing whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all Business which was to have been done at said Court, shall be done and transacted at the next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in said County; and that the same shall be as good, binding, and effectual, to every Intent and Purpose, as if the said Court which so fell thro', had been actually held, and the Business then and there done, transacted, and effected.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Acts and Orders made and past at the last General Election, and at the Session in *June* following, and for furnishing Paper for the Work: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed: And that *Eighty-two Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Twenty-five Thousand Pounds* be raised by a Tax, to be forthwith assessed and levied on the Estates and Polls

of the Inhabitants of this Colony ; and that the same be applied to sink the Colony's outstanding Bills of public Credit, and to supply the Treasury : And that a Committee of both Houses be appointed to prepare a Bill, and Proportion the same.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve. and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds be raised by a Tax, to be forthwith assessed and levied on the Estates and Polls of the Inhabitants of this Colony, and that the same be applied to repair Fort George.

Whereas the Duties laid on *Shipping* have been found insufficient to defray the Charge of Lights at *Beaver-Tail*, since the Light-House was burnt there : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That Six Pence per Ton be added to every Ton of the Shipping which pays by the Ton ; and that Five Shillings be added to the Ten Shillings which every Coaster is by Law obliged now to pay : And that the Additions of the Duties hereby made, continue and remain until the first Day of *March* next.

Whereas the Commissioners, that on the Part of this Colony, attended the late Congress at *Albany*, in the Province of *New-York*, presented the following Report, *to wit :*

“ *To the Hon. the General Assembly of His Majesty's Colony of Rhode-Island, now sitting :*

“ **WE** the Subscribers, being by a Vote of said Assembly, at their Sessions in *June* last, appointed Commissioners to represent this Colony at the then approaching Congress at *Albany*, did, in Consequence thereof, receive from his Honour the Governor, our Commission, with the Act of Assembly relative thereto, and did accordingly set out immediately for *Albany*, where we arrived in good Season.

The Friendship and Alliance with the *Six Nations of Indians* being renewed and confirmed by a Treaty, in which this and all the Colonies on the Continent united ; We, by Virtue of the Act aforesaid, made a *Present to the said Indians* of some Necessaries, amounting to Forty Pounds *York* Currency, which considering the Liberality of His Majesty and the other Colonies in that Respect, *we judged sufficient*, and for which we drew a Set of Bills of Exchange, on the General Treasurer, directing the Payment to Col. *John Henry Lydius* of *Albany*, the Gentleman who supplied us with that Sum

We herewith present a Copy of the Proceedings at the said Congress, in which is contained, a *Representation of the State of the English Colonies on this Continent*, chiefly with Relation to the *French and Indians*,

Indians, drawn up and approved by the Board of Commissioners at said Congress ; and also, a *Plan of a proposed Union of all the said Colonies*, which from the Facts set forth in the said Representation, was judged absolutely necessary to be speedily effected. It was therefore a Resolution of said Board, that the respective Commissioners should lay the same before the General Assemblies of the Colonies they severally represented ; which, for our Parts, we accordingly now do, and submit the same, with this our Report, to the Consideration of this Hon. Assembly.

Newport, August 20. 1754.

Stephen Hopkins,
Martin Howard, jun."

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted ; *this Assembly nevertheless reserving* to themselves a farther Consideration, whether they will accede to the General Plan proposed.

Whereas Capt. *John Weight* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Attendance nine Days on the General Assembly, at two Sessions in *South-Kingstown*, one held on the last Wednesday of *October*, and the other on the *Twenty-fifth Day of February* last : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed ; and that *Eighteen Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Weight* out of the General Treasury.

Daniel Jenckes and *Robert Gibbs*, Esqrs. presented the following Report :

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly at their Session in *June* last, to receive all the Writs and Executions, and other Papers that were in the Hands of *John Mawney*, Esq; as Sheriff at the Time of his Decease. *Do Report*, That soon after the Rising of this Assembly, we applied to the said *Mawney's* Executor, who deliver'd one small Execution, *John Gould* against *Hezekiah Tirkum*, returned satisfied, which we sent to be lodged in Mr. *Lyndon's* Office, and there was only one small Execution more, *Joseph Turpin* against *Peter Buxeman*, which appeared to be served, by Minutes that was made by Mr. *Mawney's* Hand-writing, and how the Money was to be paid, &c. And Mr. *Mawney's* Executor informed us, all the Executions, that was in Mr. *Mawney's* Possession when he was taken sick, was delivered to Capt. *Jonathan Olney*, who was one of Mr. *Mawney's* Deputies.

Providence, August 16. 1754.

Daniel Fences,
Robert Gibbs."

And

And now this Assembly having duly examined the said Report, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for drawing the *Kent-Lottery* is called, be lengthen'd out to the first Monday of *November* next.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to inspect the Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Providence*, be, and they are hereby continued for that Purpose, and that they make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Bills of Cost which arose at the last Inferior Court held at *Providence*, and are not yet taxed, shall be taxed, notwithstanding the Time limited by Law for that Purpose is elapsed.

Whereas Messrs. *Daniel Jenckes*, and *Thomas Howland*, represented unto this Assembly, That they, with sundry other Merchants, were concerned in two Vessels that were taken by a *Spanish Privateer*, after the Cessation of Arms between our Sovereign and the King of *Spain*, and carried into the Island of *Hispaniola*, and from thence to *St. Jago de Cuba*, and that they had been at considerable Expence in sending Col. *William Hopkins*, to enquire after the same, but have not hitherto been able to obtain a satisfactory Account from that Gentleman: Whereupon they prayed, that an Act may be passed, empowering his Honour the Governor to grant a Commission for a Vessel to be fitted out at their own proper Cost and Charge, and sent to *Leogan* on the said Island of *Hispaniola*, and from thence to the aforesaid Port of *St. Jago de Cuba*, in order to recover their own with the Interest of the other Parties concerned.

And now this Assembly having duly inquired into, and maturely considered the Subject Matters of the Petition aforesaid *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer thereof be, and the same is hereby granted: And his Honour the Governor is desired to make and issue a Commission accordingly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed and fully empowered to hire upon the Colony's Account, the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, for defraying the Charge of building the Light-House.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Urdike*, *James Honyman*, Esqrs. and Mr. *Augustus Johnston*,

Johnson, or the major Part of them, have and take the Bill for *Relief of Insolvent Debtors*, now lying before this Assembly, and make such Amendments and Alterations as they shall think fit : That then the same be put into print, and a Copy sent to each Town Clerk in the Colony, for the Perusal of all Persons that shall incline to it ; and one Copy also to each of the Members of this Assembly : And that the whole be done, performed, and effected, at the Charge of the Colony.

Whereas the Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Newport*, hath informed this Assembly, That the last Book of Records to said Court belonging, is almost filled up : Whereupon, *They do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Clerk procure another Book suitable for said Records, and *that* at the Charge of the Colony.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds be paid *Daniel Jencks*, Esq; out of the General Treasury, in Part of his Account of Charges of procuring Materials for the Light-House.

Whereas *Jonathan Otis* of *Newport*, in the Colony aforesaid, Goldsmith, represented unto this Assembly, That he some Time in *August* or *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-two, for a valuable Consideration, receiv'd of a Person to him unknown, a Bill made in Imitation of the *Sixteen Pound Bills* emitted by this Colony, which he then apprehended to be a true Bill, but soon after found was a false and counterfeit one : That he has been informed, there was one *Zephaniah Stephens* of *Dighton*, in the County of *Bristol*, and Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, apprehended in the County of *Bristol* in this Colony, for uttering one of said counterfeit Bills, and committed to His Majesty's Goal in the Town of *Bristol*, whence he was released, upon giving Bond with Sureties, for his Appearance at the then next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, to be held at *Bristol*, within and for said County of *Bristol* : Which Recognizance the said *Zephaniah* forfeited, and the Money hath since been paid by his Sureties. And thereupon the said *Jonathan* prayed this Assembly to order that he may have and receive out of the Money to forfeited and paid, the Sum of Sixteen Pounds, in Lieu of said false and counterfeit Bill.

And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said *Jonathan Otis* in his said Petition made, be, and the same is hereby granted.

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This Assembly do chuse and appoint *Edward Potter*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Scituate*.

Whereas *James Sheffield*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Time, Trouble, and the Use of his House six Days, inspecting the Accounts of *Jahleel Brenton*, Esq; in Concert with *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; and Mr. *Matthew Robinson*, in order to lay them before the Auditors : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed : And that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Sheffield* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Assessors or Ratemakers of each Town in the Colony, take an Account of the Ratable Estates in their respective Towns, and make Return according to Law unto the General Assembly at their next Session : And that a Copy of this Vote be sent by the Secretary immediately, to each Town Clerk in the Colony, to be by him deliver'd to the Assessors or Ratemakers of his Town : And that every Assessor or Ratemaker who shall refuse or neglect to do his Duty, be subject to the same Fines and Penalties as are mentioned in an Act by the General Assembly, made and past at their Session held in *Newport* on the second Tuesday of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-seven, entituled, *An ACT directing how the Value of Rateable Estates in this Colony shall be known, and each Town's Proportion thereof*.

Whereas *Jonathan Nichols* of *Newport*, in the Colony aforesaid, Esq; represented unto this Assembly, That having some Years ago negotiated at said *Newport* with one *Lawrence Cholette*, of *Cape Francois* in the Island of *Hispaniola*, Merchant, he trusted him to the Amount of Twelve or Thirteen Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor : After which, the said *Cholette* in a very unjust Manner absconded, and never satisfied or paid the Money due, and is gone to *Cape Francois* aforesaid, the usual Place of his Residence, whither the said *Jonathan* is about to send a suitable Person and Vessel, in order to prosecute his Demands against the said *Lawrence Cholette* ; which may be attended with Difficulty, unless some Protection be granted by the Colony : And thereupon prayed, That a Commission may be granted to such Person as he shall employ for prosecuting the said *Lawrence Cholette*, and recovering his just Right. And this Assembly having duly weighed the subject Matter of the Petition aforesaid, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer thereof be, and the same is hereby accepted.

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This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,
 That all Business lying before them unfinished, be referred unto
 their next Session : That the Secretary publish in *Newport*, by Beat
 of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten
 Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Forty, send
 Copies according to Law, unto every Town in the Colony : And
 that this Assembly be adjourned to the last Monday of *October*
 next, if called at said Time by his Honour the Governor, or his
 Honour the Deputy Governor ; but if not called before nor at
 said Time, then this Assembly shall be dissolved.

GOD Save the KING.

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Mr. John Bucklin.
 Exeter ;
Mr. Benoni Gardner,
Job Tripp, Esq;
 Middletown ;
Joshua Coggeshall, jun. Esq;
 Bristol ;
Joseph Russell, Esq;
Maj. Thomas Greene.
 Little-Compton ;
Nathanael Searl, Esq;
Joseph Wood, Esq;
 Warren ;
Capt. Benjamin Barton,
James Brown, Esq;
 Cumberland ;
Job Bartlet, Esq;
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
 Richmond ;
Maj. Rickard Bayley,
Mr. John Tets.
 Cranston ;
Jonathan Randal, Esq;
Mr. John Burton.

Thomas Craufon, Esq. was chosen Speaker : And

Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *Col. Joseph Pendleton*, represented unto this
 Assembly, That on the Settlement of his Lottery, he fell
 Seven Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings in
 Debt to the Colony, for which he gave Bond, with two good Sure-
 ties, payable in a Year after ; that he has paid the Interest for
 the Money one Year, and was allowed to have it another, by an
 Act made and past by the General Assembly, at their Session in
South-Kingstown, the last Wednesday of October, One Thousand
 Seven Hundred and Fifty-three. That the Time of Payment
 (according to the Bond) will be some Time next Month ; and
 that being unable to collect the whole of the Money when it
 shall become due, he prayed, That upon his paying one Half at
 the Day, the Remainder may be continued in his Hands, upon
 Interest, one Year longer On Consideration whereof, *This*
Assembly

Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That if the said Joseph Pendleton shall pay one Half of the Debt when due, he may have the Remainder one Year longer upon Interest : But if he shall neglect paying of the one Half when it becomes due, that his Bond for the whole be put in Suit, at next Kings County Court.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Jabez Bowen and Daniel Tenckes, Esqrs. with Mr. Nicholas Brown, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Gentlemen that were appointed to build a new Goal-house and Goal in Providence, and make Report to this Assembly so soon as they can.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for furnishing Paper, and printing the Acts and Orders made and past by the General Assembly, at their Session in *Newport* last *August*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-nine Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Ann and James Franklin out of the General Treasury.*

And whereas the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, another Account by them charged against the Government, for furnishing Paper, printing, folding, and stitching One Hundred and Twenty Copies of the Bill proposed to be passed into an Act, for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirty Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Ann and James Franklin out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq, one of the Grand Committee, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Time, Horse-hire, and Expences, in a Journey by him made to *Woodstock*, conformable to the General Assembly's Order, upon some Persons being apprehended there, for counterfeiting this Colony's Four Pound Bills of the last Emission: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed; and that Twenty-nine Pounds One Shilling and Three Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said Benjamin Nichols out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; the present General Treasurer, presented a Memorial, and among other Things, recommended unto the Consideration of this Assembly, Whether the General
Treasurer

Treasurer ought not to be allowed more than Two Hundred Pounds for his Twelve Months constant Service and Attendance ? And also, Whether those Persons who buy and sell Lands for their own private Advantage, which are mortgaged to the Government, ought not to allow him a reasonable Consideration for exchanging their Interest Bonds ? which often prove very troublesome, especially when the Committee-Men know not where, nor at what Town the Money was first taken ; and more especially in the last Emission, when Persons have mortgaged large Tracts, and sold them to five or six Persons, which gives the Treasurer much Trouble, in examining sixty or seventy Bonds, and to see they all make out exactly the one original Sum, &c.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Enact, and by the Authority thereof, It is Voted and Enacted, That the General Treasurer of this Colony for the Time being, shall forever hereafter be allowed One Shilling Old-Tenor, for every Interest Bond that he shall deliver out by Way of Exchange for other Bonds in his Office, to be paid by the Person exchanging the same.

An ACT for assessing and levying a Tax of Thirty-five Thousand Pounds.

W H E R E A S this Colony is indebted in a large Sum of Money, emitted by Acts of Assembly, in Bills of Public Credit, for supplying the Treasury; and the Time for calling in said Bills being near expiring : And whereas, Fort George is in a bad Condition, and wants some necessary Repairs; for the Accomplishing of which good Ends in Part, the last Assembly voted a Tax of Twenty five Thousand Pounds, to be assessed, levied, and applied towards sinking the Colony's outstanding Bills of Public Credit, and a Tax of Five Thousand Pounds, to be applied to repair Fort George; but as the said Assembly did not apportion the said Taxes on the several Towns of the Colony; and as the Sum voted for repairing the Fort, is not sufficient for that Purpose,

B E it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, IT IS ENACTED, That there be Thirty-five Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor raised by a Tax, to be forthwith assessed and levied, agreeable to Law, on the Estates and Poles of the Inhabitants of this Colony, in the following Proportion, viz. on

Newport,	£. 7000	Providence,	£. 2450
Portsmouth,	1750	Smithfield,	1925
New-Shoreham,	700	Scituate,	766 10
Jamestown,	911 15	Glocester,	715 15
Middletown,	1043	Cumberland,	514 10
Tiverton,	1023 15	Cranston,	1400
Little-Compton,	980		
			£. 7771 15
	£. 13408 10		

Westerly,

<i>Westerly,</i>	£. 1820	<i>Bristol,</i>	£. 913 10	
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	1977 10	<i>Warren,</i>	805	
			<hr/>	1718 10
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	3045	<i>Warwick,</i>	1606 10	
<i>Charlestown,</i>	525	<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	1050	
<i>Exeter,</i>	787 10	<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	484 15	
<i>Richmond,</i>	451 10	<i>Coventry,</i>	353 10	3494 15
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AND that Ten Thousand Pounds thereof, be appropriated towards repairing of Fort *George*, and the Remainder be applied to sinking the Colony's outstanding Bills of Credit, made to supply the Treasury.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Assessors or Ratemakers upon their assessing or apportioning the aforesaid Tax, return a true Bill or List thereof to the Town Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within fifty Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and the Town Clerk shall send a Copy thereof to the General Treasurer in ten Days, who upon Receipt thereof, shall issue forth his Warrants in ten Days, to the several Collectors of Rates, of the respective Towns, commanding them in His Majesty's Name, to collect the several Sums to them severally committed, in Bills of Public Credit of this Colony, within six Months Time after the Rising of this Assembly, and to pay two seventh Parts of said Sums to him or his Successor in said Office, and the Remainder to the Treasurer of the Grand Committee's Office, to be burnt, and discharge Part of the Colony's Debt.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall arise in assessing and collecting heir respective Part of the aforesaid Tax.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Secretary send a Copy of this Act in print to each Town Clerk in this Colony, within twenty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by them immediately delivered to the Assessors of each respective Town.

WE the Subscribers dissent from the above Proportion of the above Rate, by Reason the Town of *Portsmouth* is over proportioned with the Towns of *Middletown* and *Tiverton*.

William Anthony, jun,
William Earl,
Thomas Brownel,
John Allen.

I THE Subscriber do dissent from the above Proportion of the above Rate, by Reason the Town of *South-Kingsfown* is over proportion'd in Proportion to the other Towns in the County or *Kings County*, as I am knowing to the Value of the Estates in the other Towns in the County.

Rowland Robinson.

WE the Subscribers dissent from this Proportion to the Town of *Jamestown*, it being too high.
Number of Acres, 4800 in said Town.

*Josiah Arnold, jun.
William Martin.*

Whereas the Inhabitants of the compact Part of the Town of *Providence*, represented unto this Assembly, That they conceive there is a great Necessity to have a Water-Engine of a large Size purchased to extinguish Fires that may casually break out in said Town ; and that the best Way to obtain one, will be by laying a Tax on the Houses, Goods, and other Things, liable to be destroyed by Fire.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That *Obadiah Brown* and *James Angel*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby impowered to rate the Housing, and all other Things within the compact Part of the said Town of *Providence*, which are liable to be destroyed by Fire, a Sum of Money sufficient to purchase an Engine as is above described ; and that the said Rate be levied so soon as may be, and the Money thereby raised, immediately put into the Hands of the said *Obediah Brown* and *James Angel*, for the speedy purchasing said Engine.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every House-keeper, within the Space of three Months, be provided with two good Leathern Buckets, under the Penalty of forfeiring the Sum of Twenty Pounds ; one Half to the Informer, and the other Half to and for the Use of the Poor of the said Town of *Providence*.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Money so raised, be by said *Brown* and *Angel*, subject to, and put under the Direction of the major Part of the Voters, among the Inhabitants of the compact Part of the said Town of *Providence*, and appropriated to purchase said Engine, in and after such Manner as they shall think fit.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That James Sheffield, Esq; and Mr. William Read, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to repair Fort George, and purchase Materials therefor.

The

The Gentlemen that were appointed to audit the Accounts of the Committee for building the New-Goal-House and Goal in *Providence*, presented this Assembly with the following Report, *to wit* .

“ WE the Subscribers, being a Committee to audit the Committee's Accounts, who was appointed to build the new Goal in *Providence*, do Report as followeth.

There is due to *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; for the Bills charged against him, for Work done about said Goal, and Stuff, &c. - - - - - £. 916 2 4

To the Ballance due to Mr. *Elisba Brown*, on Settlement of his Account, - - - - - 45¹ 5 4

£. 1367 7 8

Providence, Nov. 3. 1754.

A LL which is humbly submitted by your humble Servants,

*Jabez Bowen,
Daniel Jenckes,
Nicholas Brown.*”

And now this Assembly having taken the Premisses into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted ; and that the above Sum of Nine Hundred and Sixteen Pounds Two, Shillings and Four Pence, be paid to *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and that the aforesaid Sum of Four Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds Five Shillings and Four Pence, be paid Mr. *Elisba Brown* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; and Mr. *Elisba Brown* be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to finish the new Goal in *Providence* : And that the said *Daniel Jenckes*, with Mr. *Nicholas Brown*, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to audit *Stephen Hopkins* and *John Dexter*, Esqrs. their Accounts, of Charges for building the new Goal in *Providence*, and give an Order upon the General Treasurer to pay said *Hopkins* and *Dexter* what shall appear to be due unto them, if any Thing shall appear to be due : And that the said *Elisba Brown* sell and dispose of the old Goal and Land thereunto belonging, and give a good Deed of Sale thereof, in the same Manner as the other Committee were directed to do.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for drawing *Kent Lottery* so called, be, and the same is hereby prolonged until the last *Monday* of *May* next, at which Time the same shall be drawn without any farther Delay, or the Money be returned by the Directors to the Persons who have purchased Tickets.

This

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Josiah Arnold, Esq; be requested to attend this Assembly at their next Session, to render a Reason, if any he hath, why two Acres of Land adjoining to the Light-House on Beaver-Tail, is not set off for the Use of the Colony; and that the Secretary send a Copy of this Vote unto him.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Obadiab Brown, Esq; be, and he is hereby constituted a Committee-man, to join Mr. Daniel Smith, in taking Care of Wayboston Bridge in Providence, and to keep the same in Repair.

Whereas Mr. Elisba Brown was appointed and impowered to settle with Mr. Joseph Sheldon, the Accounts relating Wayboston Bridge; but as the same hath not as yet been done, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Elisba Brown be, and he is hereby farther continued for said Purpose; and that he make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.*

Whereas Dennis Montaigne, Keeper of His Majesty's Goal in Providence, represented unto this Assembly, That there is due unto him, on Account of keeping the following Persons Prisoners in said Goal, at His Majesty's Suit, *to wit;*

Philip Keach,	-	9 Weeks,	-	£. 9 - -
Robert Wallb,	-	11 Ditto,	-	11 - -
John Brown,	-	2 Ditto,	-	2 - -
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				£. 22 - -

And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to order Payment of his said Account: And this Assembly having duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed; and that the said Sum of Twenty-two Pounds, be paid the said Dennis Montaigne out of the General Treasury.*

And whereas, the afore said Dennis Montaigne exhibited another Account by him charged also against the Government, for waiting four Days on the General Assembly at their present Session, and for furnishing Wood and Candles for their Use: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed; and that Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Dennis Montaigne out of the General Treasury*

Whereas John Hoyle, Town Sergeant of Providence, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for waiting four Days on the General Assembly, at their Session here last October, for a Lock by him put upon the Door
of

of the County House, and cleaning the same two Years : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed ; and that Ten Pounds Fifteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Town Sergeant out of the General Treasury

Whereas *Jabez Gorham* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for waiting four Days upon the General Assembly, at their Session here last *October* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed ; and that Four Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jabez Gorham* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary proclaim in the Town of *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days after their Rising, and send within forty, Copies of the same unto each Town in the Colony, according to Law : And that this Assembly be, and it is hereby adjourned unto the last Monday of *February* next.

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P R E S E N T,

The Hon. JONN GARDNER, Esq, Dep. Gov.

NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>	JEREMIAH LIPPIT, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;		JEOPFRY WATSON, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;			

The S E C R E T A R Y.

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The Hon. THOMAS GRANSTON, Esq; Speaker:

NEWPORT ;	}}	Providence ;
Edward Scott, Esq;		Daniel Fenckes, Esq;
The Speaker.	}}	Mr. Thomas Olney,
Mr. Job Bennet, jun.		Mr. Nicholas Brown,
James Sheffield, Esq;	}}	Richard Waterman, Esq;
Mr. William Read.		

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Portsmouth ;

<i>John Allen Esq</i>	Portsmouth;	{	Col. <i>Richard Smith</i> ,
	<i>William Anthony</i> , jun. Esq;		Charlestown ;
	Mr. Thomas Prescott ;	{	Col. <i>Christopher Champlin</i> ,
	<i>William Earl</i> , Esq;		Capt. <i>Robert Potter</i> .
	Warwick ;	{	West-Greenwich ;
	<i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq;		Mr. <i>Joseph Nichols</i> ,
	Mr. <i>Joseph Lippit</i> ,	{	<i>William Cumstock</i> , Esq;
	<i>Obniel Gorton</i> , Esq;		Coventry ;
	<i>Benjamin Arnold</i> , Esq;	{	<i>James Colvin</i> , Esq;
	Westerly ;		Mr. <i>John Bucklin</i> .
	<i>Joshua Babcock</i> , Esq;	{	Exeter ;
	Mr. <i>Benjamin Barber</i> .		Mr. <i>Benoni Gardner</i> ,
	Newshoreham ;	{	<i>Job Tripp</i> , Esq;
	N O N E.		Middletown ;
	North-Kingstown ;	{	N O N E.
	<i>Immanuel Northup</i> , Esq;		Bristol ;
	<i>Beriah Brown</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Joseph Ruffel</i> , Esq;
	South-Kingstown ;		Maj. <i>Thomas Greene</i> .
	<i>Rowland Robinson</i> , Esq;	{	Tiverton ;
	East-Greenwich ;		NONE.
	<i>William Spencer</i> , Esq;	{	Little-Compton ;
	Maj. <i>John Arnold</i> .		<i>Nathanael Searl</i> , Esq;
	Jameltown ;	{	Warren ;
	Mr. <i>Josiah Arnold</i> , jun.		Capt. <i>Benjamin Barton</i> ,
	Mr. <i>William Martin</i> .	{	<i>James Brown</i> , Esq;
	Smithfield ;		Cumberland ;
	Mr. <i>David Cumstock</i> ,	{	<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq;
	<i>John Aldrich</i> , Esq;		<i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq;
	Scituate ;	{	Richmond ;
	<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;		Maj. <i>Richard Bayley</i> ,
<i>Cap^t</i>	Mr <i>Amos Hammond</i> .	{	Cranston ;
	Glocelter ;		<i>Jonathan Randal</i> , Esq;
	<i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq;	{	Mr. <i>John Burson</i> .

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing a Number of Acts for the several Towns in the Colony, relating the Proportion of Rates, and the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, made and past at their Session in October last, and furnishing Paper for the Work : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed ; and that Thirty-four Pounds the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

2. *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Jeremiah Lippit*, *William Richmond*, *Daniel Coggeshall*, *Jeffrey Watson*,

Watson, Joshua Babcock, Job Randal, Daniel Jenckes, and Immanuel Northup, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to draw up a Scheme for raising a Fund of such a Body of Troops as will effectually answer the King's just Expectations from this Government, signified in the Letter sent hither by the Rt. Hon. Sir Thomas Robinson, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

3. *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Captain of Fort George purchase for the Colony's Use, those Twenty-eight half Barrels of Gunpowder that are now at said Fort, and draw Money out of the General Treasury to pay for them.*

4. An ACT for erecting an ARTILLERY COMPANY in the Towns of Westerly and Charlestown.

Whereas a Number of young Gentlemen, Inhabitants of the Towns of Westerly and Charlestown, in this Colony, to wit, Messrs. Henry Babcock, James Babcock, Elijah Berry, David Lewis, Peleg Pendleton, Joshua Babcock, Stephen Maxon, William Gavet, John Gavet, William Hiscox, John Thompson, Peter States, Joseph Vincent, John Latham, John Thompson (Son of William), Giles Russel, David Welles, Isaac Peckham, Christopher Burdick, James Brown, Joseph Parks, Benjamin Parks, Thomas Parks, Ichabod Babcock, and Oliver Carrary, represented unto this Assembly, That they had agreed to form themselves into such a Company, as will have a special Tendency to the general Good of the Colony, and at the same Time be particularly Beneficial unto themselves: That they proposed the Laws of the Colony made for regulating the Militia, for the Rule of their Conduct; and after a sufficient Number shall have engaged to meet at some convenient Place, in order to the Election of Officers, that they propose to train at least four Times in a Year, and as many more as the Company shall agree upon, and thereupon prayed for a Charter of Incorporation, and so forth.

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Enact, and with a View to encourage a Purpose so Laudable and Useful, It is Voted and Enacted, That they the said Henry Babcock, James Babcock, Elijah Berry, David Lewis, Peleg Pendleton, Joshua Babcock, Stephen Maxon, William Gavet, John Gavet, William Hiscox, John Thompson, Peter States, Joseph Vincent, John Latham, John Thompson (Son of William), Giles Russel, David Welles, Isaac Peckham, Christopher Burdick, James Brown, Joseph Parks, Benjamin Parks, Thomas Parks, Ichabod Babcock, and Oliver Carrary, together with such others as shall hereafter join them (not exceeding the Number of One Hundred in the whole, Officers included) be, and they are hereby made, constituted, and declared a special Company, to be called and known by the Name of, THE ARTILLERY COMPANY, and by that Name shall have and take perpetual Succession with all and every*

every the Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Emoluments, that the Artillery Companies of *Newport* and *Providence* have, *that is to say*.

First : It is granted unto the said Company, that they, or the greater Number of them, shall and may once in every Year, that is to say, on the last Monday in *March*, meet and assemble themselves together in some convenient Place by them appointed, then and there to chuse their own Officers, to wit, one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, and all other Officers necessary for the Training, Disciplining, and well ordering of the said Company ; at which Election, no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of Voters then present ; the Captain, Lieutenants and Ensign, to be approved of by the Governor and Council for the Time being, and shall be commissioned and engaged in the same Manner that other Military Officers in this Colony are.

Secondly : That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet and exercise themselves upon such other Days, and as often as they shall think necessary, and not be subject to the Orders or Directions of the Colonel, or other Field Officers of the Regiment in whose District they live, in their said Meetings and Exercisings ; and that they be obliged to meet for exercising, at least four Times a Year, upon the Penalty of paying to and for the Use of said Company, the following Fines, *to wit*, the Captain for each Day's Neglect, the Sum of Five Pounds, the Lieutenants and Ensign, each Forty Shillings, the Clerk, the Sergeants, and Corporals, each Thirty Shillings, and the common Soldiers, each Twenty Shillings ; to be levied by a Warrant of Distress from the Captain or superior Officer of said Company for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

Third : That the said Company, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to make such Rules and Orders amongst themselves, as they shall think necessary, to promote the End of their Establishment, and lay such Fines and Forfeitures upon any of their own Company, for the Breach of any such Rules and Orders as they shall think proper, so as the same exceed not Forty Shillings for any one Offence ; and also shall have full Power to levy the said Fines and Forfeitures which they shall so impose by a Warrant of Distress from the Captain or superior Officer of said Company for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

Fourth : That all those who shall be duly enlisted in this Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing military Duty (watching and warding excepted) in the several Companies or train'd Bands in whose District they respectively live, except such as shall at any Time be Officers in any of the said Companies.

Fifth : That the Commission Officers of said Company from time to time, shall be of the Court Martial and Council of War in the Regiment in whose Districts they live.

Sixth ; That if any Officer or Officers of the said Company, should be disapproved by the Governor and Council, or should remove out of the said Towns of *Westerly* and *Charlestown*, or should be taken away by Death, that then, in either of these Cases, the Captain of said Company, or the superior Officers for the Time being,

being, shall call the said Company together as soon as conveniently may be, and chuse others in the Room of such Officer or Officers so disapproved, removed, or taken away by Death, in the same Manner as is herein before directed.

Seventh : That this Company in the Time of an Alarm, be under the immediate Direction of the Captain General of the Colony ; and that the Officers be commissioned accordingly.

6. **T**His Assembly having maturely considered the Form of a Letter to be sent his Excellency Governör *Sbirley*, do approve thereof.
5. *This Assembly do Vote and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted, That a* the Fund not exceeding Four Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, be taken up on Loan by the General Treasurer at not exceeding *Ten per Cent.* Interest, for the Uses herein after mentioned : And that a Company of One Hundred Men (Officers included, and to be appointed by this Government) be raised; and that a Commissary be appointed to receive said Money from the Treasurer, to furnish the King's Troops on their Arrival, with fresh Victuals, and whatever else can be reasonably expected from this Government, agreeable to His Majesty's Pleasure, signified by a Letter from Sir *Thomas Robinson*, of the 26th of *October* last. And that each Soldier be paid a Bounty of Eighteen Pounds Old-Tenor, on his Inlittment, and be intitled thenceforward to the King's Pay : And that a Letter be draughted and sent to Governör *Sbirley* by his Honor the Governor or Deputy Governor, containing the Substance of the foregoing Resolutions of this Assembly ; and to acquaint his Excellency, that this Government wait for the Arrival of His Majesty's blank Commissions. to be filled up by the Governor of this Colony, with the Officers Names of the Company above-mentioned.
7. *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the Secretary procure the Act of Parliament, entituled, *An ACT to regulate and restrain Paper Bills of Credit in His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations of Rhode-Island and Providence-Plantations, Connecticut, the Massachusetts-Bay, and New-Hampshire, in America, and to prevent the same being legal Tenders in Payment of Money,* to be reprinted in this Colony, and send one Copy thereof to each Town Clerk in the Government, for the Use of said Town.
8. Both Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose a Commissary during the Recess of this Assembly, to wit, *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; *And thereupon it is Voted and Resolved, and this Assembly do Vote and Resolve,* That the said *Jonathan Nichols* make Engagement in due Form, before his Honor the Deputy Governor. that he will honestly and faithfully discharge the Trust committed unto him

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session: That this Assembly be adjourned unto the first Monday of next Month: And that all Petitions and other Business referred from their last unto the intended Session, upon the Twenty-fourth of that Month, be heard and done on the first Monday of February next, unto which Time, this Assembly is adjourned, without meeting on the Day to which they adjourned last October; and that this Alteration be put into the Public Prints by the Secretary.

G O D Save the K I N G.

At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, in *New-England*, in AMERICA; begun and held by Adjournment at *Providence*, on the first Monday of *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five, and in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. JOHN GARDNER, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	JEREMIAH LIPPIT, Esq;
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;	WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;	DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;	JEOPFFRY WATSON, Esq;
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;	

} *Assst.* } *Assst.*

John Andrews, Esq; Deputy Secretary some Part of the Session, and his Constituent the Remainder.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker:

NEWPORT;

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Edward Scott, Esq;
The Speaker.
Peter Bours Esq;
Mr. Job Bennet, jun.
James Skeffield, Esq;
Mr. William Read.
Providence ;
Daniel Fenckes, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Olney,
Mr. Nicholas Brown,
Richard Waterman, Esq;
Portsmouth;
John Allen, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Brownel,
William Earl, Esq;
Warwick ;
Philip Greene, Esq;
Mr. Joseph Lippit,
Othniel Gorton, Esq,
Benjamin Arnold, Esq;
Westerly ;
Joshua Babcock, Esq;
Mr. Benjamin Barber.
Newshoreham ;
NON E.
North-Kingstown ;
Immanuel Northup, Esq;
Beriah Brown, Esq;
South-Kingstown ;
Rowland Robinson, Esq;
East-Greenwich ;
William Spencer, Esq ;
Maj. John Arnold.
Jamestown ;
Mr. Josiah Arnold, jun.
Mr. William Martin.
Smithfield ;
Mr. David Cumstock,
John Aldrich, Esq;

Scituate ;
Job Randal, Esq;
Capt. Amos Hammond.
Glocester ;
Richard Steere, Esq;
Col. Richard Smith.
Charlestown ;
Capt. Robert Potter.
West-Greenwich ;
Mr. Joseph Nichols,
William Cumstock, Esq;
Coventry ;
James Colvin, Esq;
Mr. John Bucklin.
Exeter ;
Mr. Benoni Gardner,
Job Tripp, Esq;
Middletown ;
Thomas Gould, Esq;
Joshua Coggeshall, jun. Esq;
Bristol ;
Joseph Ruffel, Esq;
Maj. Thomas Greene.
Tiverton ;
Samuel Dursey, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Howland.
Little-Compton ;
Nathanael Searl, Esq;
Warren ;
Capt. Benjamin Barton,
James Brown, Esq;
Cumberland ;
Job Bartlet, Esq;
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
Richmond ;
Mr. John Test.
Cranston ;
Jonathan Randal, Esq;
Mr. John Burton.

Mr. Josias Lyman, Clerk of the Lower House.

THE Gentlemen that were appointed to audit the General Treasurer's Accounts, made the following Report :

The Colony of Rhode-Island to Thomas Richardson, Esq; Dr ---
1755. To Cash for sundry Disbursements from Jan. 10.
1753. together with Interest Money paid to several Towns, and incident Charges, as taken from the Treasurer's Alphabetical Book, £. 29202 3 6½
To

To the Treasurer's Salary for the Years 1752 & 1753.	400	0	0
To an Allowance to the Treasurer for his extraordinary Service, granted him by the General Assembly, at their Session in <i>August</i> , 1753.	100	0	0
To short Interest on the eighth Bank for the Towns of <i>Warwick</i> and <i>Westerly</i> , for the Year 1752.	2	14	0
To <i>Ditto</i> for the Year 1753.	2	14	0
To an Allowance for Paper, and the printed Votes of the General Assembly, used in the Office in the Years 1752 and 1753,	20	0	0
Balance due from <i>Thomas Richardson</i> , Esq; General Treasurer to the Colony, being Twenty-nine Thousand and Three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Five Pence one Farthing, in Money and Bonds,	29003	19	5.
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	£.58731	11	0

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1755. By Balance due to the Colony from the General Treasurer as settled by the Auditors, <i>Jan.</i> 10. 1753.	£. 18851	10	0
By the Interest of the eighth Bank, for the Year 1752.	6400	0	0
By <i>Ditto</i> for the Year 1753.	6400	0	0
By the Interest of the ninth Bank for the Year 1752.	11851	17	0
By <i>Ditto</i> for the Year 1753.	11851	17	0
By Cash receiv'd of <i>Edward Wanton</i> for the Smoak House in <i>Tiverton</i> ,	14	0	0
By <i>Ditto</i> of <i>Abel Franklin</i> , the Interest of his Bond.	76	0	0
By <i>Ditto</i> for a Juryman's Fine,	14	12	0
By <i>Ditto</i> for Interest of <i>Joseph Pendleton's</i> Bond,	47	0	0
By a Fine receiv'd of <i>William Paul</i> ,	20	0	0
By a Juryman's Fine.	14	15	0
By sundry Fines receiv'd for docking Estates Tail,	18	10	0
By Cash hired of the following Persons, <i>viz.</i> Of <i>Joseph Jacob</i> £600, and of <i>Ditto</i> £1400	2000	0	0
Of <i>John Stephens</i> £500, and of <i>Benjamin Hall</i> , £500,	1000	0	0
By Cash for 23 Law-Books of the first Impression, sold since the last Audit,	33	0	0
By 2 <i>Ditto</i> on the Colony's Account; one for the Grand Committee's Office, one for the Inferior Court, and the other for the Superior Court of the County of <i>Providence</i> ,			
By 152 Law-Books by last Audit in the Treasury.			
--- 26 sold and deliver'd since,			
--- 126 now in the Treasury.			
By 491 Law-Books of last Impression.			
--- 99 sold for Cash, at 30s.			148 10 0
392			
19 deliver'd sundry Clerks in the Government.			
--- 373 new Law-Books now in the Treasury.			
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	£.58731	11	

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; General Treasurer, do find, that there is due from said *Richardson* to the Colony, the Sum of Twenty-nine Thousand and Three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Five Pence One Farthing, as appears by the Account above stated, in which are a large Number of *non est* Bonds and Judgments of Court not satisfied : All which is submitted to the Hon. General Assembly, by

Newport, January 31. 1755.

John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston,
Peter Bours,
James Sheffield.

Unto which Report, the Gentlemen subjoined the following Account, *viz.*

Colony to the above Committee, - - - - - Dr.---

TO our Time and Trouble in auditing the above Account, four Days each,

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John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston,
Peter Bours,
James Sheffield.

And now this Assembly having taken the above Report and Account into Consideration, and duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that Forty-eight Pounds, the Amount of the Account, be paid the said *John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours,* and *James Sheffield*, Esqrs. out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the same Committee who were appointed to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer and Grand Committee, for the Years One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-two, and Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-three, to wit, *John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours,* and *James Sheffield*, Esqrs. be still continued, and that they, or the major Part of them, audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer and Grand Committee, to the End of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four : And that the General Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Grand Committee, be obliged to produce unto said Committee, all the Bonds that are due and unpaid, as well those for which Writs have been issued and returned *non est*, as all others; and also produce to said Committee, all the Money they have receiv'd on any Bonds, or render an Account how they have disposed of the same, with good Vouchers; and also that they produce to said Committee, a List of all Judgments that have been obtained by the General Treasurer and Grand Committee, and are yet unsatisfied; and that said Committee make Report to the General Assembly as soon as conveniently may be

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to put in Suit, the Bond given to him by *John Cogswell* and his Sureties, at the first Inferior Court in this Colony, unto which he can commence an Action.

Whereas Capt. *William Mumford*, late Commander of Fort *George*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for his Wages, sundry Expences and Disbursements by him made, in order to repair the Wharff and Boat belonging to said Fort, Powder, Cartridge, Paper, and other Necessaries for the Use of said Fort: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That Three Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten Pence, be allowed and paid the said *William Mumford* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Samuel Chace*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for Horse-hire, on an Express from his Honor the Deputy Governor unto his Excellency Governor *Shirley* in *Boston*; for his Expences there and back to *Providence*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Chace* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Anthony Rice* of the County of *Kent* in this Colony, represented, That on the Twenty-fourth of *December* last, he was possessed of a Four Pound Bill, emitted by this Government in the Year 1744; which being in two Halves, one was casually lost in the Fire, as he was taking the same out of his Pocket: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That upon the said *Anthony Rice* his carrying and delivering the remaining Half of the said Four Pound Bill unto the Office of the Grand Committee, he shall have from thence, one good Four Pound Bill of the Old-Tenor.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing Twenty-five Copies of the Act of Parliament, relating Paper Money, ordered to be reprinted by an Act of the General Assembly, made and past at their Session last *October*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed. And that nine pounds the Amount thereof be paid the said *Ann & James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Philip Wheeler* and *Daniel Hunt*, by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, That in the Spring of the Year, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four, the said *Wheeler* was
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by a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the Hon. *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; appointed a special Constable, to apprehend one *Elkanah Stevens*, for passing away a counterfeit Sixteen Pound Bill to one *Moses Miller* of *Rehoboth*: That the said *Philip Wheeler*, together with *Daniel Hunt* the other Petitioner apprehended said *Stevens*, bro't him to *Providence*, and there delivered him to the aforesaid *Daniel Jenckes*, who ordered Capt. *Esek Hopkins* to carry said *Stevens* to Goal, which was done accordingly: And thereupon prayed an Allowance may be made them in Consideration of their Service, Cost, and Trouble, in the Matter aforesaid: Whereupon this Assembly having duly examined into the Premisses, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Forty Pounds be allowed and paid the Petitioners out of the General Treasury.

Whereas it hath been represented unto this Assembly, That a Well is much wanted in the Prison Yard of *Kent County* Goal: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; Sheriff of said County, procure a Well to be dug at the Charge of the Colony, in said Prison Yard, by *November* next.

An ACT in Addition to the several Acts regulating the Militia in this Colony.

Whereas the several Fines for Neglect of Military Duty are found by Experience to be too low;

BE it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Fines of every enlisted Soldier, who is not provided with Arms and Ammunition according to Law, be augmented to Three Shillings for every Defect in each Article of Accoutrements. and of every Person excused from Training, for not being provided as aforesaid, the Fines be augmented to Five Shillings for every Defect in each Article of Accoutrements; and of every enlisted Soldier neglecting or refusing to appear accoutred as aforesaid, upon Training Days, the Fine be augmented to Forty Shillings *per Day*; and of all Persons not appearing upon an Alarm, who are obliged thereto, the Fine be augmented to Eight Pounds; and for Neglect of Appearance, when called together by his Honor the Governor or Deputy Governor, the Fine be augmented to Four Pounds: The Fine of a Commission Officer for not appearing on Training Days, be Twenty Pounds *per Day*, and on an Alarm, Forty Pounds *per Day*; and of a Sergeant, Corporal, or Clerk, Three Pounds each *per Day*, and on an Alarm, Ten Pounds each *per Day*: The Fine of a Commission Officer neglecting to call his Company together according to Law, be augmented to Twenty Pounds *per Day*; and the Fine of a Clerk, or other inferior Officer of one Band, refusing to obey his superior Officers Warrant to him directed, the
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Fine be augmented to Five Pounds for every Offence ; and the Fine of every enlisted Soldier for refusing to obey his respective Officer, or otherwise misbehaving himself on Training Days, the Fine to be augmented to not exceeding Three Pounds, if not laid Neck and Heels, or ordered to ride the Wooden Horse And that every Person who is by Law to be accounted as aforesaid, is hereby directed to provide himself with Arms, and other Accoutrements, according to Law, by the last Monday of *April* next, upon the Penalties aforesaid ; at which Time, Examination shall be made, and also, on the third Monday of *October*, and last Monday of *April* annually, for the future, by Order from the respective Captains : And that the Training Days ordered by Law, be on those Days, but if foul Weather, then on the next fair Day.

AND be it further Enacted, That all the above-mentioned Fines be lodged in the Town Treasury of each respective Town, to purchase Arms and Ammunition with, at the Direction of the Field Officers, for the Use of such Towns, to be used by such Soldiers as are not able to provide for themselves, after all Military Accoutrements to be provided for the Company are purchased, and the Charges of warning the Company, and collecting the Fines, are paid out of the same.

PROVIDED Nevertheless, and be it Enacted, That it shall be in the Power of the Captain of each respective Company, to remit to all Persons their Fines, or any Part thereof, ^{for} Neglect of Duty, which shall happen by Means of Poverty, or any other reasonable Excuse.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Clerk of each Company be allowed *Twenty per Cent.* for collecting ^{the Fines} and for every Distraint, Five Shillings more.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Captain, or in his Absence, the Lieutenant or Ensign of each Company, grant out his Warrant to his Corporal, twenty Days before Each Training Day, to notify the Soldiers of the Time and Place of meeting ; and that each enlisted Soldier shall be warned at least five Days before the Day of training

AND be it further Enacted, That in one Month after each Training Day, the Captain shall grant forth his Warrant (returnable to himself in three Months) to the Clerk, to collect the Fines, and send a Copy of such Warrant, with a List of the Delinquents, to the Town Treasurer ; and if the Clerk shall neglect or refuse to pay such Fine in to the Town Treasury, that such Clerk be sued for the same by said Town Treasurer, at the then next Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County where such Neglect or Refusal shall happen, if above Ten Pounds, otherwise at a Justice's Court.

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AND be it further Enacted, That all Goods taken by Distrain for Fines, shall be sold by the Clerk at a Public Vendue ; and if any Overplus, after the Fine is paid, it shall be returned to the Owner, and if refused by him, that he have Credit for it towards the next Fine, and the same to be lodged in the Town Treasury.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Town Treasurer for the Time being, of each respective Town, be, and he is hereby required and fully empowered to sue for the Fines of every delinquent Commission or Non-commission Officer.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Troop of Horse of the County of *Providence*, be subjected to the same Fines as the Troop of Horse in the County of *Newport* is.

AND whereas by a Law of this Colony, three Barrels of Powder and a suitable Quantity of Balls are to be provided and lodged in each of the Counties of *Providence* and *Kings County*, for the Use of the Colony ; *It is therefore Ordered*, That two Barrels of Powder, and a suitable Quantity of Balls, be lodged in the County of *Kent*, and one Barrel and half of Powder, and a suitable Quantity of Balls, in the County of *Bristol*, for the Use of the Colony.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Town of *Newport* have the Liberty to take as many of the Bricks at Fort George, as will be sufficient to build a Powder Magazine in said Town of *Newport*, at the Expence of said Town, the Colony reserving sufficient Room in said Magazine, for to lodge their own Powder free from Charge.

AND be it further Enacted, That Col. *Bland's* Method of Military Discipline, be made Use of throughout the Colony : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Sherburne, Henry Sowle, Joseph Sowle, Benjamin Cornel, George Lawson, William Bliss, John Bailey, Samuel Bailey, Henry Tew, jun. Alexander Bradford, Benjamin Hall, jun. and John Clark, jun.* by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, That they have observed, with much Concern, the declining and even wretched State of the Militia in this Colony, and are therefore apprehensive, that almost all the Inhabitants of the Government are so ignorant of Military Discipline, and poorly provided with Arms and Ammunition, that we are liable to be vanquished by a very small Number of regular Troops ; and as it is more than probable, there will soon be a very fierce War with the *French*, and our Weakness is so well known to that Nation, the Petitioners think we may with a great deal of Reason expect a Visit from them before long ; and if this fine Government, which

is inhabited by a great Number of brave *Engliſhmien*, ſhould be reduced by a ſmall Number of that Nation, which we are ſo apt to deſpiſe, it would bring an eternal Odium on the Name of an *Engliſhman*, which we ſo much prize and value ourſelves upon: They earneſtly intreated this Aſſembly to conſider from whence our Weakneſs ariſes, and in whoſe Power it is to ſtrengthen us; and being willing to afford what Aſſiſtance is in their Power, deſired to be formed into a Troop of Horſe, which being well diſciplined, they apprehend may be of great Service in an Attack of the Enemy. And as they have been informed, the preſent Officers of the Troop in the County of *Newport*, decline ſerving, and have done no Duty for ſeveral Years paſt, they humbly prayed this Aſſembly to appoint the above-named Capt. *Benj. Sherburne*, Captain; Mr. *Henry Sowle*, Lieutenant; and Mr. *Joſeph Sowle*, Cornet of ſaid Troop, under whom they engaged immediately to inliſt. And being very certain, that nothing will conduce ſo much to raiſing the Credit and Reputation of our Militia, as putting a ſevere Fine upon Delinquents, they deſired that the Fine of a common Trooper for non Appearance, may be ſet at Four Pounds *per* Day, and for an Officer, ſo much as the Aſſembly ſhall think proper.

Which being duly conſidered,

BE it Enacted by this General Aſſembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be, and the ſame is hereby granted, provided fifty Perſons, excluſive of Officers, ſhall inliſt by the fiſt of May next, and that the Fine of a delinquent Officer ſhall be Four Pounds per Day.

This Aſſembly do Vote and Enact, and by their Authority, It is Voted and Enacted, That the Town of Providence ſhall ſend for the future, one Petit Juror more, and the Town of Cranſton one leſs than heretofore, unto each of the Courts, Superior and Inferior, as they ſhall be ſucceſſively held within and for the County of Providence.

This Aſſembly do Vote and Reſolve, and it is Voted and Reſolved, That James Helme and Rowland Robinſon, Eſqrs. be, and they are hereby conſtituted a Committee, to inſpect the Court Houſe and Goal in Kings County, and ſee if the Perſons who engaged to build the ſame, have performed their Engagements, ſo as to be diſcharged from their Bonds or not, and make Report to the General Aſſembly as ſoon as conveniently may be.

This Aſſembly do Vote and Reſolve, and it is Voted and Reſolved, That the Captain of Fort George inliſt, as ſoon as he ſhall think it neceſſary, to the Number of fifty Men, for a Company to meet at ſaid Fort, as often as the Captain ſhall think proper, to practice exerciſing the Cannon, and to repair to ſaid Fort on all Occaſions, to defend the ſame, without any Expence to the Government, and to be excuſed from all other Military Duties.

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This Assembly do chuse and appoint *John Tillinghast* and *Thomas Cranston*, Esqrs. a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Naval Officer. and make Report to the General Assembly as soon as conveniently may be; and if there be not a Ballance due from the Naval-Officer, sufficient to supply the Light-House with Oil, that said Committee draw out of the General Treasury, a sufficient Sum for the purchasing Oil; which Money is to be repaid into the General Treasury, when Money enough comes into the Naval Office for that Purpose.

Whereas *Joseph Olney* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for repairing the Glass of the Windows in the Court and Goal Houses in *Providence*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Six Pounds One Shilling and Six Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Olney* out of the General Treasury.

An ACT exempting a Mill proposed to be built on the Land of *Toleration Harris* in *Warwick*, from the Operation of the Laws now in Force in this Colony, concerning Mills.

WHEREAS many of the Inhabitants of that Part of *Warwick* called *Cowislet*, and others, have by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, That at present there is no Corn-Mill convenient for them, and others their Neighbours, which obliges them to go a great Distance to Mill: That there is a proper and suitable Place for erecting a Corn-Mill upon the Land of the aforesaid *Toleration Harris*, which lieth near them; but that the Erecting a Mill thereon, will so much incommode him, that he is unwilling to build one for the common Profits, as they are stated by the Laws of this Colony.

And whereas, the Petitioners have declared, that they are willing to agree with the said *Toleration Harris* as they can, for grinding their Corn, and he is willing to erect a Corn-Mill in said Place, provided the said Mill when built, in all Time to come, be exempted from the Laws of the Colony regulating Mills.

WHEREFORE this Assembly having taken into Consideration, the Necessity of the Case, and the special Reasons offered by the Petitioners, Do Enact, and by their Authority, It is Enacted, That when and as soon as the said *Toleration Harris* shall have erected a Grist-Mill upon a Stream running by his Farm, whereon he now dwelleth, near a Place called *Apponsaug* in *Warwick*, that then it shall be, and is hereby granted unto the said *Toleration Harris*, and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, that the said Grist Mill shall be always free, clear, and acquitted from all Laws of this Colony, concerning Grist-Mills; as also, from all Customs of Toll and all other Restraints, of what Name or Nature soever, that commonly

commonly bind Grist-Mills and Millers : And that it shall be lawful for him the said *Toleration Harris*, his Heirs and Assigns, to grind, or refuse to grind, for whom he pleaseth, and upon such Terms only, as he is willing to agree to, with those for whom he shall grind : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof, in anywise, notwithstanding.

WHEREAS a great Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence*, represented by Petition, unto this Assembly, That the first Company or train'd Band of said Town, consists of about Three Hundred Men, and therefore is too large a Number to be well disciplined in one Body, by one Set of Officers : That many of said Company live too remote, to meet with Convenience at the usual Place of said Company's Rendezvous : Whereupon it was humbly prayed, that the same may be divided into two Companies or trained Bands, by a Line beginning at *Mason's Ferry* in said Town of *Providence*, and from thence running Westward along the Highway to the Head of the Goat Lane so called, and to be continued from thence along said Lane to the Salt Water Cove, until it meet the Eastern Line of the *Weniscut* Company, thence Northward along said Line, as it is already settled by Act of Assembly ; which Line will take into the proposed new Company, about One Hundred and Fifty Men of the old. And it was farther prayed, That the *Utenfils* now belonging to the said first Company, may be equally divided between the two Companies, &c.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said first Company of the said Town of *Providence* be, and the same is divided into, made, and created, two distinct and separate Companies, according to the Prayer of the Petitioners ; and that the new or Northern Company to be taken off in Consequence of this Act, shall be the Fourth in Number, of said Town of *Providence*.

Moreover, this Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Money belonging unto the said first Company, as it was before this Act, shall, upon Settlement of Accounts, be appropriated towards purchasing proper Implements for the new Company, and what it falls short of purchasing a whole Set, shall be taken out of the first Fines that shall accrue unto both of the said Companies.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the following Gentlemen be, and they are hereby chosen and appointed Officers of the said fourth Company of *Providence*, to wit, *Joseph Whipple*, Captain ; *Samuel Thurber*, Lieutenant ; and *Stephen Fenckes*, Ensign.

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This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Jeremiah Lippit, William Richmond, Jeffery Wasfon, Daniel Jenckes, Stephen Hopkins, Joshua Babcock, Esqrs. and Mr. Thomas Howland be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to make the Draught of a Letter, in Answer to his Excellency Governor Shirley's Letter, and present the same to this Assembly; and that the same Committee take into Consideration what is farther necessary to be done by this Colony, in Respect to raising Forces, and report that also.

An ACT in Addition to an Act made and passed by the General Assembly of this Colony, at their Session begun and held at Newport by Adjournment, on the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1728, intituled, *An ACT relating to the freeing Molatto and Negro Slaves.*

WHEREAS by said Act it is Enacted, that no Molatto, or Negro Slave, should be thereafter manumitted, discharged, or set free, or at Liberty, until sufficient Security should be given to the Treasurer of the Town or Place where such Persons dwell, in a valuable Sum, not less than One Hundred Pounds, to secure and indemnify the Town or Place from all Charge for or about such Molatto or Negro, to be manumitted or set at Liberty, in Case he or she by sickness, lameness, or otherwise, be rendered incapable to support him or herself.

And whereas, it is conceived by this Assembly, that the above-mention'd Sum is not high enough:

BE it therefore Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Sum be, and the same is hereby augmented to One Thousand Pounds.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when the Person who shall manumit or set free his Molatto, or Negro Slave, shall at that Time be Town Treasurer, Bond shall be given to the then Town Clerk of the Town wherein such Slave shall be manumitted or set free:

An ACT in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, made and passed at their Session held at Providence on the last Wednesday of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-two, intituled, *An ACT to empower the Town Councils of the respective Towns in the Colony to exchange Highways.*

WHEREAS the Town Councils in and by said Act of Assembly, are fully empowered and authorized to sell and dispose of any old Highways, as they shall adjudge useless or inconvenient; but there is no Provision therein made, how, and in what Manner the Fee of such Lands shall be conveyed to the Purchaser, nor where the Money arising thereby shall center.

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Therefore be it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the respective Town Councils of this Colony, are hereby fully impowered and authorized, upon their selling or disposing of any such Highways as aforesaid, to make and pass a good and authentic Deed or Deeds of Conveyance, in the Name of themselves and their Successors in said Office, to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof; which Deed or Deeds so made, shall create in the said Purchaser or Purchasers, a good and lawful Estate in Fee-simple.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Money that shall or may hereafter arise upon the Sale of any such Highways as aforesaid, shall be by such Town Council who sold the same, immediately paid into the Town Treasury of such Town to which they respectively belong, for the Use of the Town: Any Act or Acts to the contrary hereof, in anywise, notwithstanding.

THE Gentlemen that were appointed to make the Draught of an Answer to his Excellency Governor *Shirley's* Letter, and to take into Consideration what farther is necessary to be done by this Assembly, in respect to raising a Number of Troops for His Majesty's Service, made a Report, which was read and accepted.

Whereupon,

BE it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That a Committee of five or more suitable Persons be appointed to be called a Committee of War, with full Power and Authority during the Recess of the General Assembly, to give out Orders to such Officers as may be appointed by the Assembly for that Purpose, to enlist and raise the Hundred Men already order'd, at any Time, as soon as Orders are receiv'd from the Crown, thro' any Channel, for our so doing, and how they are to be destined.

AND be it further Enacted. That for those Purposes, the said Committee of War shall have, and hereby is granted them, Power to draw out of the General Treasury from time to time, such Sums of Money as may be necessary for paying the Bounty given by the Assembly to those who shall enlist, and the Charges of enlisting, billeting, and transporting such Soldiers, and all other Expences necessarily attending this Affair.

AND be it further Enacted, That the said Committee of War have Power to order and direct in what Manner, and what Place or Places the Men shall be subsisted when raised, and to give Orders for transporting and sending away the Company when raised, to the Place, and in such Manner, as His Majesty may direct the same to be done; and that they have full Power and Authority to act, transact, and do all and every Thing necessary and expedient
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to be done, for effectually carrying into Execution all such Commands as this Colony have already had, or hereafter may receive from His Majesty : And that they be at all Times accountable to the General Assembly for their Doings.

AND that the General Assembly before they rise, appoint one Lieutenant and one Ensign for the said Company, and also make Provision, that the General Treasury be sufficiently supply'd with Money for all and every the Purposes aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That thirteen Men more be added to the One Hundred already ordered.

An ACT enabling the Collector of Rates to follow a Person rated in one to any other Town in the Colony he shall remove to, without paying his Tax in the Town where he was rated.

WHEREAS it sometimes happens, that Persons are rated in one Town, and before the Rates are collected, remove into another, to the Prejudice of the Town wherein he was lawfully rated.

For Remedy whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That from time to time, and at all Times forever hereafter, when any Person shall be rated in one Town, and thence remove into another, before the Rate is levied, that then it shall and may be lawful for the Collectors of Rates, to follow such Person into any Town in this Colony, and there levy such Rate, as fully, amply, and effectually, to every Intent and Purpose, as if such Person had not moved out of the Town wherein he was lawfully rated.

An ACT to prevent fishing with Seins in Kekemut River.

WHEREAS the setting and drawing of Seins at and near the Place in said River known by the Name of Little's and Mason's Narrows, hath been found by Experience, to obstruct and disturb the Fish in their Course into said River so much, that if the Practice thereof be not prevented, the Haunt of the Fish will be entirely turned away from said River, to the very great Injury of the Inhabitants who live in those Parts :

Therefore be it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is hereby Enacted, That no Sein shall at any Time hereafter be set or drawn in the said Kekemut River, within half a Mile's Distance from the said Narrows, called Little's and Mason's Narrows, either above or below said Narrows ; and if any Person or Persons shall at any Time hereafter presume to set or draw

draw any *Sein* or *seins* in said River, within the Limits aforesaid, every Person so offending, shall pay as a Fine, the Sum of Fifty Pounds ; one Half thereof to and for the Use of him who shall inform and sue for the same, and the other Half to the Use of such Town where any *Sein* shall be so set or drawn ; to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any proper Court.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That John Tillinghass, Nicholas Cook, Stephen Hopkins, and Daniel Jenckes, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to draught a Letter immediately, to be signed by his Honor the Governor, in answer to the Letter of the Rt. Hon. Sir Thomas Robinson, sent this Colony ; and that therein a Prayer be made to His Majesty, for a suitable Number of Canon for Fort George ; and that a Plan of said Fort be sent with the said Letter ; and the Secretary is hereby directed to send to said Committee, a Copy of such Letters and other Papers as they shall have Occasion for ; and that a Copy of said Letter be laid before the General Assembly at their next Session ; and that the same Committee, or the major Part of them, also draught a Letter, to be signed by his Honor the Governor, to be sent to the Agent, directing him to use his best Endeavours to obtain said Canon, and lay that also before the General Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Jabez Gorham* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings, by him charged against the Government, for waiting upon this Court five Days *at their last*, and *fix this Session* : Which being liquidated according to Law, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Eleven Pounds of said Account be allowed and paid the said Jabez Gorham out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *John Hoyle*, Town Sergeant of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Sixteen Pounds Eleven Shillings, by him charged against the Government, for waiting upon this Court five Days *at their last*, and *fix this Session* : Which being liquidated according to Law, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Eleven Pounds of said Account be allowed and paid the said Town Sergeant out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *Dennis Montaign* exhibited the following Account unto this Assembly.

Colony of Rhode-Island to Dennis Montaign, 1754.	Dr.--- T O keeping <i>John Blowers</i> and <i>Elkanah Stevens</i> , who were committed to my Care, as Keeper of His Majesty's Goal in <i>Providence</i> , for passing Counterfeit Bills of Credit, 9 Weeks each, at 20s. £. 18 0 0 <i>Examined per me David Wilkinfon, Sheriff.</i>
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 To six Days Attendance, Firewood and Candles, at the General Assembly's Session held in said *Providence* by Adjournment, in the Month of *February*, 1755. - - - 9 10 0
Dennis Montaigny. £. 36 0 0

Creditor,

BY Cash receiv'd from the General Treasurer on Account of *John Blowers* and *Elkanah Stevens*, £. 10 0 0
 Ballance due to *Dennis Montaigny*, - - - 26 0 0
 £. 36 0 0

And now this Assembly having duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-six Pounds, the Ballance thereof, be paid unto the said *Dennis Montaigny* out of the General Treasury.

Both Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, the following Officers were chosen.

Thomas Cranston, *Jonathan Nichols*, *Peter Bours*, *Stephen Hopkins*, and *Daniel Jenckes*, Esqrs. the Committee of War; who, or any three of them, are hereby vested with all the Power and Authority granted such Committee by the Act passed this Session of Assembly.

Jahleel Brenton, Colonel; *Godfrey Mallbone*, Lieutenant-Colonel; and *Josias Lyndon*, Major, of the Regiment of Militia in and of the County of *Newport*.

Robert Sterry, Lieutenant, and *Joshua Bill*, Ensign, of the Company ordered to be raised in this Colony for His Majesty's Service.

William Potter, Lieutenant, of the third Company in *Warwick*, in the Room of *Elisha Greene, jun.* who refused.

John Mackoon, jun. Captain (in the Room of the late Capt. *Hubbard Burdick*, who refused), *Roger White*, Lieutenant; and *John Lewis* (Son of *John Lewis, Fuller*) Ensign, of the second Company in *Westerly*.

Stephen Tift, Captain, of the second Company in *South-Kingstown*. *Israel Sailes*, Captain; *Richard Smith, jun.* Lieutenant; and *Joseph Colwell*, Ensign, of the first Company in *Glocester*.

John Ross, Captain; *Rufus Smith*, Lieutenant; and *John Smith, jun.* Ensign, of the second Company in *Glocester*.

Abraham Matthewson, Captain; *Shebna Spink*, Lieutenant; and *Benjamin Greene, jun.* Ensign, of the second Company in *West-Greenwich*.

William Hyams, Ensign, of the second Company in *Exeter*.

Richard Sailes, jun. Captain ; *Joseph Carpenter*, Lieutenant ; and *Obediab King*, Ensign, of the first Company in *Cranston*.

John Paine, Captain ; *Jonathan Sprague*, Lieutenant ; and *Stephen Hawkins*, Ensign, of the third Company in *Cranston*.

Charles Higginbotham, Captain ; *Daniel Burlingham*, Lieutenant ; and *Jeremiah Knight*, Ensign, of the third Company in *Cranston*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Field Officers of the Regiment of Militia, in and of the County of *Newport*, be, and they are hereby fully authorized and impowered to fill up all the Companies or Trained Bands in the County of *Newport*, with Commission Officers, where any are wanting, and return the Names of those whom they shall appoint, to his Honor the Governor, or to his Honor the Deputy Governor, in order to their being commissioned.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished. be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary publish in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and passed, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within forty, send Copies of them according to Law, unto each Town in the Colony : And that this Assembly be adjourned, and to meet on the last Monday in *April* next, if called at that Time by either of their Honors the Governor or Deputy Governors ; but if not called before nor at that Time, then this Assembly shall be dissolved.

GOD Save the KING.

NEWPORT, Feb. the 18th, 1755, the above and foregoing Acts and Orders were published this Day, by Beat of Drum.

WITNESS my Hand,

THOMAS WARD, Secry.

A true Copy examined by

Thos Ward Secry



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA* ; begun, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor, and held at *Providence on Thursday the sixth of March*. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five, and in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. *JOHN GARDNER*, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPIT, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E U T I E S of the several T O W N S.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	}}	Providence ;
<i>Edward Scott</i> Esq;		<i>Daniel Fenckes</i> , Esq;
The Speaker.	}}	Mr. <i>Thomas Olney</i> ,
<i>Peter Bours</i> , Esq,		Mr. <i>Nicholas Brown</i> ,
Mr. <i>Job Bennet</i> , jun.	}}	<i>Richard Waterman</i> , Esq;
Mr. <i>William Read</i>		

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Portsmouth ;

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William Anthony, jun. Esq;
John Allen, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Brownel,
William Earl, Esq;
 Warwick ; -
Philip Greene, Esq;
Mr. Joseph Lippit,
Oshniel Gorton, Esq;
Benjamin Arnold, Esq;
 Westerly ;
Joshua Babcock, Esq;
Mr. Benjamin Barber.
 Newshorham ;
 N O N E.
 North-Kingstown ;
Immanuel Northup, Esq;
Beriah Brown, Esq;
 South-Kingstown ;
Rowland Robinson, Esq;
 East-Greenwich ;
William Spencer, Esq ;
Maj. John Arnold.
 Jamestown ;
Mr. Josiah Arnold, jun.
Mr. William Martin.
 Smithfield ;
Mr. David Cumslock,
John Aldrich, Esq;
 Scituate ;
Capt. Amos Hammond.
 Gloucester ;
Richard Steere, Esq;
Col. Richard Smith.

Charlestown ;
Col. Christopher Champlin,
Capt. Robert Potter.
 West-Greenwich ;
Mr. Joseph Nickols,
William Cumslock, Esq;
 Coventry ;
Mr. John Bucklin.
 Exeter ;
Mr. Benoni Gardner.
 Middletown ;
Joshua Coggesball, jun. Esq;
 Bristol ;
Joseph Russel, Esq;
Maj. Thomas Greene.
 Tiverton ;
 N O N E.
 Little-Compton ;
Joseph Wood, Esq;
 Warren ;
Capt. Benjamin Barton,
James Brown, Esq;
 Cumberland ;
Job Bartlet, Esq;
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
 Richmond ;
 N O N E.
 Cranston ;
Jonathan Randal, Esq;
Mr. John Burton.

Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.

An ACT for raising Four Companies in this Colony, of One Hundred Men each, Officers included, to be employed on a secret Expedition, in case other Governments shall join and carry on the proposed Enterprize.

WHEREAS His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, that a speedy Stop should be put to the Encroachments made upon his just Rights in North-America, by the French, hath been repeated unto this Government ; who have always been heretofore, and still are desirous of exerting themselves to aid and assist unto the utmost of their Ability, in every Purpose having a Tendency that Way. And inasmuch as there is a Scheme proposed for the Governments of New-England, to attempt in
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Conjunction with other neighbouring Governments, to remove the Encroachments which the French have made upon the Lands and Country of our Sovereign, at or near Crown-Point ; and this it is supposed may be effected, by building immediately a strong Fort upon the rocky Eminence near the said Crown-Point.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That as soon as this Government shall receive Advice from his Excellency Governor *Shirley*, that the other Governments of *New-England* have acceded to, and concurred in carrying on the above-mentioned Enterprize of building such a Fort, there be forthwith raised in this Colony, at the Government's Expence, Four Hundred good and able-bodied Men, including Officers, to be by the Assembly appointed, and commissioned by his Honor the Governor ; which Troops, when raised, shall join and act in Conjunction with those of the other Governments in *New-England*, under the Command of the General of the whole Army ; subject nevertheless, to the Controul of the General Assembly of this Colony.

A N D be it further Enacted, That the Gentlemen hereafter named, be, and are hereby appointed Officers, for inlisting and commanding, according to the Rules of Military Discipline, the aforesaid Troops when raised, to wit ;

Christopher Harris, Colonel.

Edward Cole, Captain ; *Samuel Nichols*, Lieutenant ; and *Joshua Bill*, Ensign, of the first Company.

Robert Sterry, Captain ; *David Dexter*, Lieutenant ; and *Thomas Burket*, Ensign, of the second Company.

Henry Babcock, Captain ; *Edward Gray*, Lieutenant ; and *Ichabod Babcock, jun.* Ensign, of the third Company.

Abraham Francis, Captain ; *John Wardwell*, Lieutenant ; and *Joseph Potter* of *Warwick*, Ensign, of the fourth Company,

A N D be it further Enacted, That the following Wages in Old-Tenor Bills of Public Credit, shall be the Pay and Allowance of the Officers and Troops to be raised.

	The Colonel, <i>One Hundred and Fifty Pounds</i>	} per Month.
Every	{ Captain, <i>Fifty Pounds</i>	
	{ Lieutenant, <i>Thirty-six Pounds</i>	
	{ Ensign, <i>Twenty-eight Pounds</i>	

The Sergeants *Twenty Pounds per Month*, and *Twenty Pounds* Bounty, at the Time of inlisting, if provided with a good Firelock, and no more than *Fifteen Pounds* without : That if the Arms brought by such Officers into Service in the Army, shall be damaged afterwards, or lost, the same shall be made good by the Colony, according to the Value thereof. The Drummers *Twenty Pounds per Month*, and *Fifteen Pounds* Bounty at the Time of inlisting. Moreover, every Sergeant and Drummer shall receive of the

the Government, and have *gratis*, one good Blanket, as a farther Encouragement, or Eight Pounds in Lieu thereof, if he furnish himself with one. Every common Soldier *Sixteen Pounds per Month*, and *Twenty Pounds* Bounty, if furnished with a good Fire-lock ; but no more than *Fifteen Pounds* without : That if the Arms brought by any Soldier into the Army, shall be damnified afterwards, or lost, the same shall be made good by the Colony, according to the Value thereof.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Officer or Soldier shall be liable to an arrest, or be imprisoned, or stayed upon any Execution, unless the same be for a Debt or Judgment for Two Hundred Pounds Old Tenor, or upwards : That some One of the Committee of War inquire into the Truth of any Demand upon mean Process, that every Person in Execution, shall upon his insisting, be released, provided no one Judgment exceeds the above mentioned Sum of Two Hundred Pounds : and in all and every such Case, the Sheriff shall be indemnified, and the Bail acquitted : Nevertheless, if one Plaintiff have two or more Demands or Judgments against one Person, the whole shall be deemed and taken to be but one Debt. And for a farther Encouragement, *It is Enacted*, That all such Officers and Soldiers shall be exempted from any and every Arrest or Execution, for the Space or Term of one whole Year after the Expedition is ended, unless the same shall arise or accrue upon a new Contract made after the Return of such Officer or Soldier, or it be for a greater Sum than Two Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, and shall not, during said Term of one Year, be impressed for or into any farther or other Military Duty or Service.

A N D be it further Enacted, That as soon as his Honor the Governor shall receive Advice from the Governor of the *Massachusetts*, that the other Governments of *New-England* have acceded to the Scheme proposed, and not only taken proper Measures, but actually begun to carry the same into Execution, he shall forthwith issue a Proclamation, pursuant and conformable to this Act, and give Commissions unto all the Officers, that they may be authorized and enabled to raise the Troops as soon as possible, and that according to the Regulation aforesaid.

A N D be it further Enacted, That the Committee of War for the Time being, be authorized, and are hereby fully impowered and directed to purchase or procure Four Hundred Pounds Weight of good Gunpowder, Sixteen Hundred Pounds Weight of Lead, with a sufficient Quantity of Flints, and Four Hundred Hatchets, and also all such Provisions, and warlike and other Stores as shall be necessary for the Subsistence of the Troops, and to carry on the Expedition, and render it effectual ; which Ammunition and Stores, when purchased or procured, they shall cause to be transported unto *Albany*, as the most proper Place for a general Rendezvous : And as to the Provisions, this Assembly give it as their Opinion, that as much as will serve two Months will be sufficient.

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AND be it further Enacted, That the said Committee of War be authorized, and are hereby fully impowered to draw out of the General Treasury, all and every such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be wanting from time to time, for the Purposes aforesaid, together with a Sufficiency for paying the Bounty, providing Tents, and defraying the incident Expence of inlisting, billeting, and marching the Troops, and all other necessary Charges, which their Support and Subsistence may require during the Service.

A N D that the General Treasurer may be speedily supplied with Money sufficient for effecting the Ends and Purposes aforesaid, *Be it further Enacted*, That there be struck off and emitted upon the Credit of this Colony, the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds Old Tenor, if said Expedition shall be carried on, and that Sum found necessary therefor; and that the Committee to be hereafter appointed for signing said Bills, do, upon the first Intelligence from the Governor of the *Massachusetts*, that the intended Expedition will be carried on, strike off, and sign and lodge in the General Treasury, at the Colony's Expence, one Half of the Sum aforesaid, and the Remainder as Occasion shall require: That the Bills be struck off the large Plates last used by the Colony, the same being first new dated, with an Addition of the Words *CROWN POINT* upon the Back, and signed by three of the Committee to be chosen.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Bills so emitted, shall pursuant to Act of Parliament, be called in and sunk within the Space and Term of two Years, and that by a Tax to be levied upon the Government, *that is to say*, One Half within the Space and Term of a Year, and the other Half within the Space or Term of two Years from the Time of making this Act; which Tax shall be made and levied in the same Manner as that now to be levied, was assessed upon the Inhabitants, but by a new Proportion to the Towns.

AND be it further Enacted, That *Daniel Updike*, *Joshua Babcock*, *Jeremiah Lippert*, and *Benjamin Nichols*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee for signing the Bills so to be emitted; and that any Three of them shall be sufficient, as to Number.

AND be it further Enacted, That a Commissary shall be chosen and appointed to attend the Troops during the intended Expedition, and have *Sixty Pounds per Month* Wages, without any Allowance for Commissions; and *Mr. Christopher Champlin, jun.* is hereby chosen and appointed to that Office.

AND be it further Enacted, That in Case the Committee of War shall not be able to procure or purchase a sufficient Number of good Arms, that his Honor the Governor issue a Warrant for impressing as many as shall be found wanting and necessary.

AND be it further Enacted, That if any or either of the Officers now chosen, shall refuse the Service, or die before it is over, that the Committee of War, or the major Part of them, appoint another or others in the Room of him or them that shall so die or refuse.

AND be it further Enacted, That every Person who shall lose a Limb, or be otherwise disabled in the Service, during this intended Expedition, so as to be rendered incapable of procuring himself a Livelihood, he shall be allowed and have a Pension of Fifty Pounds a Year during Life, out of the General Treasury.

AND furthermore, this Assembly chuse and appoint the same Gentlemen as were chosen and appointed last Month, to be the Committee of War, and they are hereby vested with all and every the Power and Authority granted them at that Time, with this Addition, that any Two shall make and be a Quorum.

AND lastly, It is Enacted, That the Act made and passed by this Assembly, at their Session in *January* last, for raising One Hundred Men, and another Act made and pass'd at their Session last Month, for making an Addition of thirteen Men more unto that Hundred, be both, and each of them is hereby repealed.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Jeremiah Lippot, Peter Bours, David Jenckes, and Joshua Babcock*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to prepare a Bill, to restrain the sending Provisions or warlike Stores to *Cape-Breton*, or any other *French* Port or Settlement upon the Continent of *North-America*, or Islands near Adjacent thereunto; and another for the taking up and securing all the Subjects of the *French* King, that shall be found within this Colony, or any other Person or Persons that shall be suspected of carrying or conveying, or of intending to carry or convey any Intelligence from this Colony unto the *French*, of any Proceedings of the *English*, in Respect to the Controversy now subsisting between the ~~English and French~~ *Two Nations*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof. It is Enacted, That the Commissioners appointed to distribute the Estate of *Joseph Whipple*, Esq; among his Creditors, do forthwith furnish *Joseph Scott*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, out of said Estate, with a Sum sufficient to discharge the Execution sued out upon a Judgment obtained against said Sheriff, provided there be more of said Estate than will be sufficient to discharge the Mortgages thereon: Any Law or Act of Assembly to the contrary in anywise, notwithstanding.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Captain of *Fort George* be, and he is hereby directed and ordered to purchase for the Colony's Use, Thirty-six Barrels of Gunpowder, and draw Money out of the General Treasury to pay for the same: and that the said Captain do not allow or suffer any Powder to be fired away at said Fort, on any Holidays, or Days of public Rejoicing.

Whereas

Whereas the Committee appointed to make the Draught of a Letter to be sent unto the Rt. Hon. Sir *Thomas Robinson*, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and another to the Agent, have laid their Performances before this Assembly, who having heard the same read, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of War, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby authorized and fully empowered to make such Alterations in said Letters, or either of them, as they shall think proper : That when they have so done, the same be presented to his Honor the Governor, in order to their being by him signed and sent Home by the first Opportunity ; and that Copies of said Letters be exhibited unto the General Assembly, at their next Session. That in the Letter to be sent to the Agent, he be directed to be upon his Watch, and if any Thing shall be moved in Parliament, respecting the Plan for an Union of His Majesty's Northern Colonies, projected at *Albany*, which may have a Tendency to infringe on our Charter-Privileges, that he use his utmost Endeavours to get it put off, until such Time as the Government is furnished with a Copy, and have Opportunity of making Answer thereunto.

This Assembly do chuse and appoint Messrs. *Godfrey Mallbone*, *Josias Lyndon*, and *Godfrey Mallbone, jun.* the former, Colonel ; the second, Lieutenant Colonel ; and the last, Major of the Regiment of Militia, in and of the County of *Newport*.

An A C T to restrain the sending of Provisions and warlike Stores to *Cape-Breton*, or any other *French Port or Settlement in North-America*.

WHEREAS there is, and for some Time past has been, a very pernicious Trade carried on from hence, and some other of the Northern Colonies, to *Louisbourg, on the Island of Cape-Breton, and other French Ports and Settlements in North-America* ; by Means whereof, the French have been supplied with great Quantities of Flour and other Provisions, and thereby are enabled to support themselves the better, in their Encroachments on His Majesty's Territories on this Continent ; which, if not timely prevented, may prove of a very dangerous, if not fatal Consequence, to this and all other His Majesty's Territories in North-America.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Collector of His Majesty's Customs for this Colony, shall require of every Master of a Vessel, at his clearing out, an exact Account under his Hand, of all the Provision and warlike Stores, laden, or intended to be laden, on Board his Vessel before sailing ; which Account shall appear to have been sworn to before an Assistant or Justice of the Peace, with an additional Oath, that he will not lade, or suffer to be laden on Board, any other Provisions or warlike Stores, after clearing out his said Vessel. And whensoever it shall appear to said Officer, or his Deputy, that any Vessel has on Board, or that there

there is intended to be laden on Board any Vessel, more Provisions or warlike Stores than is necessary for the Victualling and Defence of said Vessel on her proposed Voyage, the said Officer is hereby required and fully impowered to demand and take of the Master of such Vessel, a Bond, with one or more Sureties, in the penal Sum of *One Thousand Pounds Sterling*, with this Condition, that all such Provisions and Stores of War shall be landed within His Majesty's Dominions, and no where else, unless at *Surranam, Efféquebo, or Barbeties.*

AND be it further Enacted, That whenever a Certificate shall be produced to the Collector, or his Deputy, from the chief Officer of the Customs where such Provisions and warlike Stores have been landed, agreeable to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, then such Bond shall be cancelled and made void.

AND it is further Enacted, That this Act shall be forthwith published by the Clerk of the Lower House. and a Copy thereof sent to the Collector, in order for his conducting himself according to its true Intent and Meaning, and that the same be and abide in Force until the first Wednesday of *May* next, and no longer.

An A C T impowering their Honors the Governor and Deputy Governor, the Assistants and Judges of the Superior and Inferior Courts, and each of them, to take up and secure *Frenchmen, &c.*

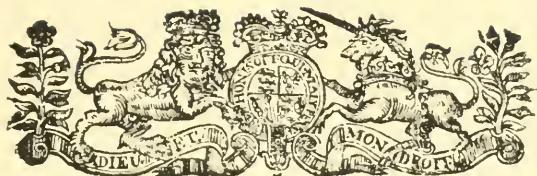
BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That his Honor the Governor, his Honor the Deputy Governor, the Assistants, Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, and Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and each of them, be, and is hereby requested and fully impowered by Warrant, under his or their, or either of their Hands, to take up and secure at Discretion, all and every the Subject and Subjects of the *French King*, that shall be found within this Colony, or any other Person or Persons, that are or shall be suspected of carrying or conveying, or of intending to carry or convey unto the *French*, any Intelligence from this Colony, of any of the Proceedings of the *English*, in Respect to the Controversy subsisting between the two Nations; and that every Officer who shall have a Warrant for taking up any Subject of the *French King*, or Person suspected as aforesaid, is hereby authorized and fully impowered to break Locks and Bars, if Occasion require.

The two foregoing Acts were published in Newport, March the 10th Day, 1755, according to Order, by

JOSIAS LYNDON, Clerk of the Lower House.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session: And that this Assembly be adjourned unto the last Monday of *April* next, if called by either of their Honors the Governor or Deputy Governor; but if not called before nor at said Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is dissolved.

G O D Save the KING.



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England.* in AMERICA ; begun and held at *Newport*, on *Tuesday* the sixth of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five, and in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. JOHN GARDNER, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} <i>Assist.</i>	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;	} <i>Assist.</i>
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPIT, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;		JEFFREY WATSON, Esq;	

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;	}}}	Portsmouth;
Hon. Thomas Cranston, Esq;		William Anthony, jun. Esq;
Capt. Job Benner, jun.	}}	John Allen, Esq;
James Sheffield, Esq;		Mr. Thomas Brownel,
Mr. William Read.	}}	William Earl, Esq;
Providence ;		Warwick ;
Daniel Jenckes, Esq;	}}	NONE.
Mr. Nicholas Brown,		Westerly ;
George Brown, Esq;		Benjamin Randal, Esq;
Henry Harris, Esq;		Mr. Hezekiah Collins.

Newshorcham ;
Edward Sands, Esq;
Samuel Rathbun, jun Esq;
 North-Kingstown ;
Immanuel Northup, Esq;
Beriah Brown, Esq;
 South-Kingstown ;
 N O N E.
 East-Greenwich ;
William Spencer, Esq ;
 Maj *John Arnold*.
 Jamestown ;
 Mr. *Josiah Arnold*, jun.
 Mr. *William Martin*.
 Smithfield ;
 N O N E.
 Scituate ;
Job Randal, Esq;
 Capt. *Amos Hammond*.
 Gloucester ;
 N O N E.
 Charlestown ;
 Col. *Christopher Champlin*,
 Capt. *Joseph Stanton*.
 West-Greenwich ;
 Mr. *Thomas Rogers*.
 Coventry ;
 N O N E.

Exeter ;
 Capt. *John Reynolds*,
 Capt. *John Weights*.
 Middletown ;
Thomas Gould, Esq;
Joshua Coggeshall, jun. Esq;
 Bristol ;
Joseph Ruffel, Esq;
Shearjashub Bourn. Esq;
 Tiverton ;
 N O N E.
 Little-Compton ;
Joseph Wood, Esq;
 Mr. *Moses Palmer*.
 Warren ;
 N O N E.
 Cumberland ;
Job Bartlet, Esq;
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
 Richmond ;
 Maj. *Richard Baley*,
 Mr. *John Test*.
 Cranston ;
 Mr. *Joseph Harris*,
 Mr. *John Burton*.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker :

And JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS all and every of the Persons whose Names hereafter follow, have taken the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the Colony-Law against Bribery and Corruption, in the Choice of Officers in this Government, as appears by proper Returns from the several Town Clerks. *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That all and every of them be, and are hereby admitted to give their Vores to chuse Officers in their respective Towns, and also to vote in the Choice of General Officers.

NEWPORT;

Nicholas Townsend, Joseph Crandal, James Hadwen, jun. Joseph Howland, Phineas Perry, Isaac Dayton, John Davis, jun. Ebenezer Allen, Clothier Pierce, jun. Martin Howard, jun. John Linscomb, Samuel Bours, Emanuel Marks, Walter Buffam, Jonathan Otis, Samuel Yeats, Job Phillips, Thomas Weeden, Jonathan Lawton, Nathanael Tweedy, Charles Spooner, Nathanael Clarke, Jared Caswell, Joseph Pitman, Thomas Crossing, George Whitehorn,

Whitehorn, Job Carr, Isaac Howland, Herbert Nichols, jun. Matthias King, John Cahoon, James Potter, John Wanton (*Son of John*), Joseph Tripp, Thomas Vernon, Benjamin Phillips, Thomas Rouse, Constant Bowen, Richard Partelow, Audley Clarke, William Pinniger, Francis Murnet, Jonas Langford Redwood, Henry Ward, James Cranston (*Son of William*), and Christopher Champlin, jun.

PROVIDENCE;

James Jenckes, James Cumstock, James Lovett, Jeremiah Dexter, Hezekiah Carpenter, John Colwell, Stephen Peck, Abraham Waterman, William Erwin, John Waterman, Daniel Thornton (*Son of John*), William Chace, Andrew Hawkins, Nicholas Tillinghast, Zephaniah Hawkins, John Updike, John Dexter, John Jones, John Jones, jun. Daniel Marsh, John Tripp, John Merritt, Joseph Snow, jun. Daniel Williams, Joseph Hews, James Olney, John Tradwin, Daniel Eadey, John Rhodes, William Henry, Thomas Bennett, Valentine Easterbrooks, Charles Simmons, Benjamin Robinson, Charles Easterbrooks, Abraham Olney, Gideon Young, Samuel Tucker, John Bais, William Harris, Daniel Thornton, Joseph Brown, Abraham Whipple, Christopher Dexter, Hope Angel, Daniel Tillinghast, Thomas Olney (*Cordwainer*), John Burgels, John Brown (*Son of Joseph*), William Earl, and Samuel Smith.

PORTSMOUTH;

Ebenezer Slocum, Christopher Turner, Charles Slocum, Seth Turner, Joseph Borden, and Isaac Lawrance.

WARWICK;

Thomas Collins, Holden Rice, Robert Westcoat, William Warner (*Son of John*), Thomas Utter, Seth Chace, Anthony Low, William Gorton, jun. Oliver Arnold, John Gorton, and Elisha Wightman.

WESTERLY;

Joseph Lewis (*Weaver*), James Wells, jun. and George Potter. *Elisha*

NEWSHOREHAM;

Henry Willis, and Peleg Pocock.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN;

William Weaver, Joseph Coggeshall, Joseph Baker, John Ellis, Caleb Sweet, Samuel Northup, William Eldred, Joseph Congdon (*Son of Benjamin*, jun.), John Sweet, Richard Briggs, Ishmael Spink, Jeremiah Northup, Ephraim Gardner, jun. Joseph Baker (*Son of Jeremiah*), John Shearman (*Son of Eber*), Zorobabel Westcoat, Jeremiah Greene, Seth Eldred, John Reynolds (*Son of James*), Ebenezer Cahoon, Fones Scranton, Samuel Bissel, and William Shearman (*Son of Eber*).

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN;

John Potter *the third*, Robert Potter, jun. Joseph Torrey, jun. William Champlin, Michael Champlin, Samuel Carpenter, William Sheffield, Samuel Hazzard, Stephen Wilcox, Gideon Fowler, and Jonathan Card.

EAST-GREENWICH;

Thomas Spencer, jun. John Whitman, George Wightman, Sylvester Sweet. Wilson Spencer, William Foster, William Andrew, jun. Richard Matteson, Isaac Lawton, Samuel Lyon, Jonathan Tarbox. Job Gardner, Peter Wells, Thomas Bailey, Benjamin Spencer (*Son of John*), Anthony Aylsworth, and Sylvester Sweet.

S M I T H F I E L D .

Joshua Sprague, Isaac Killey, Ezekiel Mowrey, Nathan Arnold, William Arnold, jun. Jeremiah Phillips, Thomas Sayles, Stephen Keith, Henry Pagett, Ezekiel Cumstock, Caleb Aldrich, Caleb Shrieve, John Olney, Nathanael Woodward, John Clarke, Thomas Arnold, jun. John Wilkinson, Joseph Spaulding, and Nathan Arnold, jun.

S C I T U A T E ;

Charles Walker, Peleg Round, Gideon Franklin, Philip Franklin, Aaron Franklin, Nathan Fisk, John Parker, Joseph Young, Robert Colwell, Jedediah Prat, James Thomas, Ebenezer Salisbury, James Seamans, Reuben Hopkins, Nicholas Edwards. John Stafford, Daniel Cole, Amos Thornton, Thomas Smith, and John Seamans, jun.

G L O C E S T E R ;

John Smith, Jonathan Wade, William Wood, William Bowditch, Eliakim Richmond, Seth Richmond, Elisha Inman, Daniel Bellue, Zorobabel Cooper, Michael Cook, Isaac Walling, John Page, jun. Moses Cooper, Stephen Pain, John Keach, jun. John Short, Edward Evans, Joseph Basset, William Wrayman, Elcazer Bellue, John Johnson, jun. William Phillips, Samuel Ormsbee, Jacob Barker, Jabez Bowen, Benjamin Hawkins, Robert Colwell, Manariah Kelley, John Eften, Job Benson, John Mitchell, John Andrews, John Inman, and John Aldrich.

C H A R L E S T O W N ;

Joseph Hoxsie, Joseph Cross, Samuel Kinyon, Nathanael Lewis, Edward Deake, and John Card.

W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

Arthur Aylsworth (*Son of John*), Thomas Rogers. Timothy Carpenter, Zephariah Jenkins, William Matteson, Jonathan Hopkins, and Edward Kittle.

C O V E N T R Y ,

Charles Greene, Benjamin Andrew, Phineas Bennet, Timothy Greene (*son of William*), Joseph Burlingame, Othniel Greene, Stephen Potter, Thomas Brayton, jun. John Stone, and Richard Tree.

E X E T E R ;

Jonathan Tett, Thomas Bentley, jun. Benjamin Weight, Robert Tett, Elisha Barker, Joseph Morcy. Joseph Baker, Joseph Northup, Thomas Barber, Hezekiah Wilcox, Thomas Beardmore, William Hyams, Philip Jenkins. Samuel Cottrel, Jonathan Rathbun, Daniel Rathbun, Elisha Barber, Palmer Cleaveland, Nicholas Barber, Robert Wilcox, Benjamin Northup, and Anthony Eldred.

MIDDLE TOWN;

Samuel Peckham, jun. James Bailey, and John Slocum.

BRISTOL;

John Usher, jun. Newbey Coggeshall, James Barnard, Job Coggeshall. Thomas Greene, jun. William Gladding, jun. Jonathan Drown, John Norris, and Jonathan Peck, jun.

TIVERTON.

Joseph Lake, Pierce Peary, Richard Durley, and Wanton Howland.

LITTLE-COMPTON;

William Woodman, and Hezekiah Woodworth.

CUMBERLAND;

Nathanael Carpenter, Samuel Gaskill, Jonathan Jenckes, Joseph Fisher, Noah Butterworth, David Hogg, jun. John Hoppen, Ichabod Barrows, Thomas Bowen, Joseph Davis, and Jeremiah Jenckes.

RICHMOND;

Elisha Halls, jun. George Webb, John Teft, jun. Caleb Church, and Samuel Corey.

CRANSTON: *Content*

Thomas Burlingame, Silas Carpenter, ~~Content~~ Potter, Thomas Potter, Gideon Burlingame, Jonathan Sprague, Nathanael Sprague, Stephen Waterman. Zephaniah Randal, William Collins, Stephen Dexter, William Dexter, Thomas Corpe, Richard Searl, Philip Burlingame, John King, William Waterman, and Peter Stone, jun.



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NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;		JEFFREY WATSON, Esq;	

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<i>Edward Scott</i> , Esq;	}	<i>William Anthony</i> , jun. Esq;
Hon. <i>Thomas Cranston</i> , Esq;		<i>John Allen</i> , Esq;
<i>Peter Bours</i> , Esq;	}	Mr. <i>Thomas Brownel</i> ,
Capt. <i>Job Bennet</i> , jun.		<i>William Earl</i> , Esq;
<i>James Sheffield</i> , Esq;	}	Warwick ;
Mr. <i>William Read</i> .		<i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq;
Providence ;	}	Mr. <i>Joseph Lippit</i> ,
<i>Daniel Tenckes</i> , Esq;		Mr. <i>John Walton</i> , jun.
Mr. <i>Nicholas Brown</i> ,	}	<i>Benj. Arnold</i> , Esq;
<i>George Brown</i> , Esq;		Westerly ;
<i>Henry Harris</i> , Esq;		<i>Benjamin Randal</i> , Esq;

Mr.

Mr. *Hzekiah Collins*.
Newhoreham ;
Edward Sands, Esq;
Samuel Raibhun, jun. Esq;
North-Kingstown ;
Immanuel Northup, Esq;
Beriah Brown, Esq;
South-Kingstown ;
John Potter, Esq;
Rowland Robinson, Esq;
East-Greenwich ;
William Spencer, Esq ;
Maj. John Arnold.
Jamestown ;
Mr. Josiah Arnold, jun.
Mr. William Martin.
Smithfield ;
John Aldrich, Esq;
Mr. Jonathan Arnold.
Scituate ;
Job Randal, Esq;
Capt. Amos Hammond.
Glocester ;
Capt. John Smith,
Richard Steers, Esq;
Charlestown ;
Col. Christopher Champlin,
Capt. Joseph Stanton.
West-Greenwich ;
Mr. Thomas Rogers.
Philip Greene, Esq;

Coventry ;
Mr. Aaron Bowen,
Mr. Richard Stafford.
Exeter ;
Capt. John Reynolds,
Capt. John Weight.
Middletown ;
Thomas Gould, Esq;
Joshua Coggeshall, jun. Esq;
Bristol ;
Joseph Russell, Esq,
Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;
Tiverton ;
Samuel Durfey, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Howland.
Little-Compton ;
Joseph Wood, Esq;
Mr. Moses Palmer.
Warren ;
James Brown, Esq;
Capt. Benjamin Barton.
Cumberland ;
Job Bartlet, Esq;
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
Richmond ;
Maj. Richard Baley,
Mr. John Teft.
Cranston ;
Mr. Joseph Harris,
Mr. John Burton.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker :

And JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whole Names hereafter follow, were chosen to serve the Government in the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively.

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov. *Engag'd*.
 The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov. *Engag'd*.
John Tillinghast, Esq; First Asslist; *Engag'd*.
Nicholas Easton, Esq; Second Asslist. *Engag'd*.
Nicholas Cook, Esq; Thir'd Asslist. *Engag'd*.
Obediah Brown, Esq; Fourth Asslist. *Engag'd*.
Robert Lawton, Esq; Fifth Asslist. *Engag'd*.
Joseph Brownel, jun. Esq; Sixth Asslist. *Engag'd*.

Jeremiah

Jeremiah Lippit, Esq; Seventh Assist. Engag'd.

William Richmond, Esq; Eighth Assist. Engag'd.

John Congdon, Esq; Ninth Assist. Engag'd.

Thomas Hazzard, Esq; Tenth Assist. Engag'd.

Thomas Ward, Esq; Secretary ; Engag'd,

Daniel Updike, Esq; Attorney General ; Engag'd.

Thomas Richardson, Esq; General Trealurer ; Engag'd.

Francis Willet, Esq; chief

Jonathan Randal, Esq; second

William Richmond, Esq; third

Joseph Russel, Esq; fourth

Joseph Clarke, Esq; fifth

Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.

Godfrey Mallbone, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Resolved Waterman, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

William Pendleton, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kings County.

Stephen Low, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Daniel Arnold, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Joseph Champlin, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kings County.

Isaac Gardner, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Godfrey Mallbone, jun. Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

John Andrews, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Silas Niles, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kings County.

Henry Rice, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Edward Scott, Peter Hours, Daniel Gould, William Anthony, jun. and John Allen, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Newport.

Daniel Jenckes, Job Randal, Thomas Lapham, Richard Steere, and Thomas Arnold, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Providence.

Stephen Hazzard, Immanuel Northup, Christopher Champlin, Thomas Brown, and Benoni Hall, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Kings County.

Jonathan Peck, Matthew Allen, Thomas Greene, James Smith, and Benjamin Miller, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common

Pleas and General Sessions of the peace in & for the County of Bristol

Thomas Fry, John Brown, William Spencer, John Holdon and Daniel Howland Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas

Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Kent.

CLERKS of the Superior Courts of Judicature, Courts of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and for the several Counties, ascribed to their respective Names.

John Grelea, jun. Esq; Newport.

Samuel Chace, Esq; Providence.

Latham Clarke, Esq; Kings County.

Thomas Greene, jun. Esq; Bristol.

Latham Clarke, Esq; Kent.

CLERKS of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the several Counties ascribed to their respective Names.

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Newport.

Mr. Nicholas Brown, Providence.

Mr. Benjamin Peckham, jun. Kings County.

Mr. Thomas Throop, jun. Bristol.

Mr. John Walton, jun. Kent.

The Hon. *Gideon Wanton, Benjamin Nichols, James Sheffield, Obediah Brown, Samuel Chace, James Arnold, George Brown, and Nicholas Easton, Esqrs.* the Grand Committee, or Trustees of the Colony, for signing Bills of Public Credit, &c.

And the atorenamed *Benjamin Nichols, Esq;* is chosen, and especially appointed, to have and take the Care and Charge of the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds for Tenths, and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon; and also to make and give proper Acquittances and Discharges on the Mortgages; or otherwise, upon the Receipt of any of the Colony's Money, and in Case of Non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all those that refuse or omit to make due Payment.

Mr. Edward Thurston, General Sealer of Weights and Measures throughout the Government.

Justices of the several Towns.

NEWPORT;

Martin Howard, Samuel Collins, Charles Bardin, Jeremiah Clarke, Thomas Ward, Peter Easton, Joseph Sylvester, Barnabas Hargill, and Daniel Goddard.

PROVIDENCE;

George Taylor, Henry Harris, Joseph Snow, Ebenezer Jenckes, James Angel, Samuel Nightengale, Samuel Chace, and Nathan Pearce.

PORTSMOUTH;

William Hall, Weston Hickes, William Earl, Jeremiah Angel, and John Almy.

WARWICK;

Elisba Greene, John Warner, jun. Barlow Greene, Othniel Gorton, Ebenezer Slocum, and John Rhodes, jun.

WESTERLY;

William Hern, Silas Greenman, Benjamin Randal, Daniel Macoon, Joseph Crandal, John Larkin, John Macoon, Stephen Saunders, Nathan Babcock, and Edward Bliven, jun.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN;

Edward Dyre, jun. Samuel Thomas, James Eldred, Stephen Card, Nicholas Northun, jun. Samuel Albro, and William Hall, (*Son of Robert*).

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN;

Samuel Test, John Cafe, Samuel Seager, William Hull, Jeremiah Crandal, Joseph Holway, and John Brown.

EAST-GREENWICH;

John Langford, Giles Pearce, Samuel Soule, Thomas Aldrich, and George Vaughan.

S M I T H F I E L D ;

William Arnold, Thomas Steere, William Jenekes, John Aldrich, Thomas Owens, Benjamin Arnold, and Stephen Sly.

S C I T U A T E ;

Gideon Harris, Charles Harris, John Fisk, and Samuel Dorrance.

G L O C E S T E R ;

Andrew Brown, Timothy Wilmarth, Joseph Windfor, Benjamin Smith, Abraham Tourtelot, and Israel Arnold.

C H A R L E S T O W N ;

John Hill, Benjamin Hoxfie, Gideon Hoxfie, Samuel Stanton, and Nathanael Sheffield.

WEST-GREENWICH;

Jeremiah Ellis, Samuel Hopkins, William Cumstock, Philip Greene, Preserved Hall, and Isaac Johnston.

C O V E N T R Y ;

Caleb Greene, George Hall, Randal Rice, Thomas Matteson, and Stephen Potter.

E X E T E R ;

Benjamin Mowrey, Newman Perkins, George Sweet, Daniel Barber, and Samuel Gardner.

M I D D L E T O W N ;

John Taylor, John Barker, Daniel Gould, jun. and Joshua Coggeshall, jun.

B R I S T O L ;

Shearjashub Bourn, Nathanael Fales, Leveret Hubbard, John Howland, and John Walker;

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TIVERTON;

Samuel Hicks, Philip Tabor, Restcome Sanford, and Robert Burrington.

LITTLE-COMPTON;

Nathanael Searl, Joseph Wood, Robert Taylor, and Jeremiah Brownel.

WARREN;

John Kinnicut, John Cole, James Brown, John Adams and Ebenezer Cole.

CUMBERLAND;

Job Bartlet, Samuel Bartlet, John Dexter, and Jeremiah Whipple.

RICHMOND;

Stephen Richmond, Samuel Test, Elisha Babcock, Sylvester Kinyon, and Thomas Kinyon.

CRANSTON;

William Burton, Zuriel Waterman, Joseph Harris, Matthew Manchester, Thomas Fenner, jun. Joseph Rhodes, and Charles Rhodes.

OFFICERS to command the several Companies of Militia, or Train'd Band, in each Town in the Colony.

NEWPORT,

I. Joseph Wanton, jun. *Captain*; Jonathan Otis, *Lieutenant*; Caleb Gardner, jun. *Ensign*.

II. Benjamin Nichols, *Captain*; Kendal Nichols, jun. *Lieutenant*; Joseph Belcher, *Ensign*.

III. Job Bennet, jun. *Captain*; William Rogers, *Lieutenant*; James Rogers, *Ensign*.

IV. Isaac Stelle, *Captain*; Jonathan Thurston, *Lieutenant*; Nathanael Goggehall, jun. *Ensign*.

PROVIDENCE;

I. Joseph Bucklin, *Captain*; John Field, jun. *Lieutenant*; William Donnison, *Ensign*.

II. Josiah Thornton, *Captain*; John Waterman (*Son of Joseph*); *Lieutenant*; John Sweet, *Ensign*.

III. Charles Olney, *Captain*; Thomas Olney (*Son of Thomas*); *Lieutenant*; Thomas Whipple, jun. *Ensign*.

IV. Joseph Whipple, *Captain*; Samuel Thurber, *Lieutenant*; Stephen Jenckes, *Ensign*.

PORTSMOUTH;

John Shrieve, jun. *Captain*; Benjamin Cornel, *Lieutenant*; Peleg Sisson, *Ensign*.

WARWICK,

I. James Arnold, *Captain*; Simon Arnold, *Lieutenant*; and John Waterman, *Ensign*.

II. Silas

II. Silas Gardner, *Captain* ; Nathanael Arnold, *Lieutenant* ; Stephen Arnold, *Ensign*.

III. Philip Baker, *Captain* ; William Potter, *Lieutenant* ; Caleb Gorton, *Ensign*.

W E S T E R L Y ;

I. Joshua Thompson, *Captain* ; Joseph Clarke, *Lieutenant* ; Eber Crandal, *Ensign*.

II. John Macoon, *Captain* ; Roger White, *Lieutenant* ; John Lewis *the third*, *Ensign*.

III. John Crandal, *Captain* ; Samuel Champlin, *Lieutenant* ; James Bliven, *Ensign*.

IV. Edward Wells, jun. *Captain* ; Daniel Macoon, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Wells, *Ensign*.

N E W S H O R E H A M ;

Joshua Sands, *Captain* ; Caleb Littlefield, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Ray Sands, *Ensign*.

N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N ;

I. Arthur Ayllsworth, *Captain* ; George Whitman, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Ishmael Spink, *Ensign*.

II. Samuel Browning, jun. *Captain* ; Jonathan Card, *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Douglass, *Ensign*.

III. Christopher Phillips, *Captain* ; Charles Brown, *Lieutenant* ; Seth Eldred, *Ensign*.

S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N ;

I. John Wilton, *Captain* ; Adam Gould, *Lieutenant* ; Nathanael Mumford, *Ensign*.

II. Isaac Sheldon, *Captain* ; Moses Barber, *Lieutenant* ; Daniel Test, *Ensign*.

E A S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

I. George Weaver, *Captain* ; Nicholas Spenser, *Lieutenant* ; William Bentley, *Ensign*.

II. Joseph Carpenter, *Captain* ; Jonathan Corey, *Lieutenant* ; Daniel Vaughan, *Ensign*.

J A M E S T O W N ;

Samuel Slocum, *Captain* ; George Franklin, *Lieutenant* ; Benjamin Carr (*Son of Edward*), *Ensign*.

S M I T H F I E L D ;

I. John Angel, *Captain* ; Elisha Sayles, *Lieutenant* ; Christopher Brown, *Ensign*.

II. John Sayles, *Captain* ; Stephen Arnold, *Lieutenant* ; Elisha Arnold, *Ensign*.

III. Daniel Mowrey, jun. *Captain* ; James Medberry, *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Smith, jun. *Ensign*.

S C I T U A T E ;

I. Amos Hammond, *Captain* ; Thomas Collins (*Son of Thomas*), *Lieutenant* ; John White, *Ensign*.

II. George Dorrance, *Captain* ; John Herrenden, *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Bennet, *Ensign*.

III. Oliver

III. Oliver Westcot, *Captain*; Benoni Williams, *Lieutenant*; Nicholas Hopkins, *Ensign*.

IV. Timothy Hopkins, *Captain*; Hezekiah Walker, *Lieutenant*; Joseph Wetherhead, *Ensign*.

G L O C E S T E R ;

I. Israel Sayles, *Captain*; Richard Smith, jun. *Lieutenant*; Joseph Colwell, *Ensign*.

II. John Rolé, *Captain*; Rufus Smith, *Lieutenant*; John Smith, jun. *Ensign*.

C H A R L E S T O W N ;

Peleg Crofs, *Captain*; Enoch Kinyon, *Lieutenant*; John Ladd, *Ensign*.

W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

I. Thomas Rogers, *Captain*; Joseph Dolliver, *Lieutenant*; Ephraim Howard, *Ensign*.

II. Clarke Rogers, *Captain*; Shebna Spink, *Lieutenant*; Benjamin Greene, jun. *Ensign*.

C O V E N T R Y ;

I. Jonathan Nichols, *Captain*; Thomas Stafford (*Son of Thomas*), *Lieutenant*; John Johnson, jun. *Ensign*.

II. Caleb Vaughan, *Captain*; James Greene (*Son of Daniel*), *Lieutenant*; Joseph Weaver, *Ensign*.

E X E T E R ;

I. Daniel Dawley, *Captain*; Samuel Weight, jun. *Lieutenant*; Stephen Albro, *Ensign*.

II. John Willbore, *Captain*; Thomas Gardner, *Lieutenant*; John Rathbun (*Son of John*), *Ensign*.

M I D D L E T O W N ;

William Blifs, *Captain*; James Barker *the third*, *Lieutenant*; William Baley, *Ensign*.

B R I S T O L ;

Joseph Reynolds, jun. *Captain*; Jonn Wardwell, *Lieutenant*; Nathanael Carey, *Ensign*.

T I V E R T O N ;

I. George Cook, *Captain*; Isaac Manchester, *Lieutenant*; Thomas Corey, *Ensign*.

II. William Cook, *Captain*; Richard Durfee, *Lieutenant*; Sylvanus Westgate, *Ensign*.

L I T T L E - C O M P T O N ;

Benjamin Simmons, *Captain*; Thomas Brownel, jun. *Lieutenant*; Isaac Simmons, *Ensign*.

W A R R E N ,

Josiah Humphreys, *Captain*; Thomas Cole, *Lieutenant*; Benjamin Cole, *Ensign*.

C U M B E R L A N D ;

I. Daniel Wilkinfon, *Captain*; Nathanael Whipple, *Lieutenant*; Benjamin Tower, *Ensign*.

II. John Nicholfon, *Captain*; Charles Capron, *Lieutenant*; Nathanael Carpenter, *Ensign*.

R I C H M O N D ;

Nicholas Larkin, *Captain* ; William Potter, jun. *Lieutenant* ;
Edward James, *Ensign*.

C R A N S T O N ;

I. Richard Searl, jun. *Captain* ; Joseph Carpenter, *Lieutenant* ;
Obediah King, *Ensign*.

II. Samuel Byles, *Captain* ; Elisha Weaver, *Lieutenant* ; Stephen
Dexter, *Ensign*.

III. Charles Higginbotham, *Captain* ; Jeremiah Knight, *Lieu-*
tenant ; Edward Searl, *Ensign*.

WH E R E A S the General Assembly of this Colony, at their Session held at *Providence*, on Thursday the sixth of *March* last, made and past an Act, to restrain the sending of *Provisions and warlike Stores* to *Cape-Breton*, or any other French Port or Settlement in North-America ; which was to be and continue in Force for a certain Term of Time now expired. And forasmuch, as the Circumstances that occasioned the making that Act, are still subsisting,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Act above-mentioned, and every Clause and Article thereof, be, and is hereby revived, and shall have and take Effect, and continue in Force until the Rising of the General Assembly at their next Session ; and that the Collector, and every one under him, be, and is hereby forbid to, and shall not clear out any Vessel or Vessels to *Cape-Breton*, on any Pretence whatever : And that this Act be forthwith proclaimed, and a Copy thereof sent immediately unto the Collector's Office by the Secretary.

Which was done accordingly, at Half an Hour past Three o'Clock in the Afternoon. of the 9th of *May*, 1755. by

THO. WARD, *Secret.*

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, made and past at two Sessions, one held at *Providence* in *January*, and the other in *February* last, and furnishing Paper for the Work : Which being duly examined, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Fifty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Time allowed for collecting the last Rate, be lengthened out until the next Session of this Assembly ; and that the Power of the present Collectors be continued until that Time, when they are to return their Warrants, with the Money assigned them to collect, and if they fail thereof, the General Treasurer is hereby directed to sue every one that shall so fail.

Whereas

Whereas *James Tanner* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for repairing the Glass Windows of the Colony-House in *Newport*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Eighty-two Pounds Eight Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Tanner* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Joseph Ireson* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for his Time, Trouble, Horsehire, and Expences, in a Journey by him made to carry a Packet unto his Honor Governor *Greene*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirteen Pounds Eleven Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Ireson* out of the General Treasury.

And whereas the said *Joseph Ireson* exhibited unto this Assembly another Account, amounting to Seven Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, charged against the Government, for his Time, Trouble, Horsehire, and Expences, in a Journey by him made unto *Bristol*, to carry and deliver the Sheriff of that County a Warrant for notifying the Members of the General Assembly in said County living, to give their Attendance: Which having by this Assembly been properly liquidated, *They do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Pounds of said Account be allowed and paid the said *Joseph Ireson* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Nehemiah Marks* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government for six Quires of Paper by him furnished unto *John Grelea jun. Esq.* Clerk of the Superior Court, to be made into a Book of Records for said Court: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nehemiah Marks* out of the General Treasury.

And whereas *Francis Skinner* of *Newport*, Bookbinder, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for making up into a Book, the six Quires of Paper which Mr. *Marks* furnished the Clerk of the Superior Court with: And the said Account being likewise examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Nine Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Francis Skinner* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Crandal* of *South-Kingstown* in *Kings County*, Yeoman, by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, That he and *John Toppin* of *Newport*, were Security for the Money *John Cogswell* was to pay the Colony, having for that End, given the General Treasurer a Bond, which is now put in Suit against said *Toppin*:
That

That the Petitioner can procure One Thousand Pounds immediately, but is unable at present to raise the Remainder, which he believeth amounts to about Six or Seven Hundred Pounds : And thereupon the said *Crandal* prayed, that the General Treasurer may be directed to receive One Thousand Pounds, and take Bond, with good Security for the Remainder, payable at Christmas next, when he engageth the Money shall be ready, with an Allowance of *Ten per Cent.* for the Use thereof, during the Time the Government shall be kept out of said Money.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said John Crandal, in his said Petition made, be, and the same is hereby granted ; and of this the General Treasurer is directed to take Notice, and govern himself accordingly.

An A C T for laying a farther Duty upon Shipping, for and towards a better Support of the Light-House.

WHEREAS the Duties by Law imposed upon Vessels coming into this Colony, for and towards the Support and Maintenance of the Light-House on Beaver-Tail, have hitherto proved insufficient to answer the End proposed thereby.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That there be, and hereby is added to the Duty upon Shipping, commonly called Powder-Money, the Sum of Six Pence per Ton: that is to say, on every Vessel coming into this Colony, Coasters excepted, each and every of whom shall be held to pay Ten Skillings more than they were obliged to, before the making this Act.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Directors of the Kent Lottery shall have three Months from the Rising of this Assembly, allowed them, for taking in the Tickets by them given out, and restoring the Money received. unless the same be so filled, that it can be drawn before.

An A C T in Addition to an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, made and pass'd at *Providence* the sixth Day of *March* last, for raising Four Hundred Men, to be employed in Conjunction with the Troops of other Governments, upon an Expedition, for erecting a strong Fort upon the rocky Eminence near *Crown-Point.*

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all the Officers in this Colony's Service, use their utmost Endeavours to get the Four Hundred Men above mentioned raised and made into Four Companies as soon as possible, by enlisting in this and the neighbouring Governments : and the

the Committee of War is hereby directed to use their utmost Endeavours, that the Deficiency, if any, may be supplied and made up, by taking into the Service of this Colony, as many *Indians* of the *Six Nations* as shall be found necessary.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Troops of this Government shall be form'd into, and made a distinct Regiment, with the Addition of a Lieutenant-Colonel and Major, to be by the Committee of War chosen and appointed out of the present Officers, who shall be paid in Bills of Credit of the Old-Tenor, as followeth :

The Lieutenant-Colonel, One Hundred and Forty Pounds *per Month*, including all his other Wages.

The Major, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds *per Month*, including all his other Wages.

AND the following Alterations shall be made with Regard to the Pay or Wages of the Officers, who shall have, to wit ;

The Commissary, One Hundred and Twenty Pounds Old-Tenor *per Month*.

Every Captain, One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor *per Month*.

Every Lieutenant, Sixty Pounds Old-Tenor *per Month*.

Every Ensign, Fifty Pounds Old-Tenor *per Month*.

Every Corporal, Eighteen Pounds Old-Tenor *per Month*.

AND be it further Enacted, That if a sufficient Number of Arms cannot be procured to supply all the Soldiers for the Expedition, the Committee of War is hereby impowered and directed to make Use of any Number of the Colony's Arms now in New-port, not exceeding Two Hundred.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Commissary, who is forthwith to repair unto Albany, shall during the Expedition, supply the Officers and Soldiers with all Things necessary for their Subsistence, and upon urgent Occasions, draw upon the Committee of War, who are to enable themselves to answer all Draughts, either by shipping West-India Goods upon the Colony's Account, to the Westward, or in any other Method they shall judge most for the Interest of the Colony.

*AND be it further Enacted, That the Committee of War be, and hereby is impowered to borrow or purchase on the best Terms they can, all the Arms that shall be necessary ; and that any Person who shall lend or sell to the Colony, a good small Arm, shall be exempted from all Military Duty, for and during the Term of one Year: That when the Companies aforesaid, or any one of them is filled, they, the Committee of War, cause them to be transported unto Albany by Water: That they provide for the Troops a good and skilful Surgeon, who shall be paid One Hundred Pounds *per Month*, and be furnished with a Chest of proper Medicines at the Colony's Expence : And one Month's Pay advanced to every Officer and Soldier before his Departure ; and also to supply each Soldier with*

what Cloathing they may judge necessary, to be charg'd said Soldier. Moreover, the Commissary is hereby directed to take Care that the Troops of this Government have as large an Allowance of Victuals and Liquor as is made unto any of the Troops belonging unto the other Governments : And that in Case of the present Commissary's Death, the commissioned Officers be, and are hereby impowered to chuse and appoint another in his Stead.

AND be it further Enabled, That the Committee of War shall have, and hereby is granted unto them, full Power and Authority, during the Recess of the General Assembly, to act, order, do, and transact, all and every Matter and Matters, Thing and Things, necessary and convenient to be ordered, done, or executed, for effectually carrying into Execution, the Part this Government hath undertaken in this intended Expedition, and that as fully and amply, to all Intents and Purposes, *as the General Assembly itself* could, ought, or might, were it actually sitting ; they, the said Committee, being always accountable unto the General Assembly for their Conduct.

THIS Assembly chuse and appoint the Gentlemen after named, to be Committee-Men of the Towns set against their Names respectively.

Mr. Solomon Drown for Providence.

Messrs. Joseph Stanton and James Congdon, jun. for Charlestown.

John Barker, Esq; for Middletown.

Mr. Jeremiah Brownel for Little-Compton.

Jonathan Randal, Esq; and Mr. Edward Arnold for Cranston.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Jeremiah Lippit and Philip Greene, Esqrs.* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive of our late Governor, the Hon. *William Greene, Esq;* the Charter of this Colony, the Seal, and all other Things in his Custody, that belongs to the Government, and deliver them unto his Honor the present Governor, giving and taking a Receipt for the same.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of the Lower House, and *Peter Bours, Esq;* be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to receive of the Hon. *John Gardner, Esq;* our late Deputy Governor, the Duplicate of this Colony's Charter, and deliver it unto his Honor the present Deputy Governor, giving and taking a Receipt for the same.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Obadiab Brown and Daniel Fenckes, Esqrs.* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive of *George Brown, Esq;* late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Providence,* the Records, Seal, Papers, and every other Thing appertaining to that Office,
and

and deliver them all unto Mr. *Nicholas Brown*, the present Clerk of said Court, giving and taking a Receipt for the same.

Whereas *John Tillinghast* and *Thomas Cranston*, Esqrs. were by the General Assembly, at their Session in *Providence*, on the first Monday in *February* last, appointed a Committee to audit the Naval Officer's Accounts, and make Report, &c. And the said Committee having performed that Service, presented this Assembly with what follows.

Dr. *The Colony of Rhode-Island, for Charges upon the Light-House.*

1755.	To the old Ballance brought forward,	£.	75	3	4
	To ballance <i>Wing Spooner's</i> Account, omitted.		38	16	0
	To Cash paid <i>Henry Dunbar</i> ,	-	45	0	0
	To Ditto <i>Aaron Lopez</i> ,	-	6	4	6
	To <i>Caboon</i> and <i>Yeates</i> ,	-	2	0	0
	To <i>Henry Dunbar</i> ,	-	10	0	0
	To <i>Robert Jenkins</i> , jun. in Part,	-	38	10	0
	To <i>James Tanner</i> ,	-	2	16	0
	To <i>Jonathan Nichols</i> , Elq;	-	116	16	0
	To <i>Henry Dunbar</i> ,	-	16	0	0
	To <i>Joseph Scott</i> ,	-	31	10	0
	To <i>Aaron Lopez</i> ,	-	23	0	0
	To Ditto,	-	16	0	0
	To Ditto,	-	16	0	0
	To Ditto,	-	21	0	0
	To Ditto,	-	20	0	0
	To Ditto,	-	16	0	0
	To Ditto,	-	16	0	0
	To <i>Henry Dunbar</i> ,	-	62	0	0
	To <i>Joseph Scott</i> , omitted for Timber,	-	22	16	6
	To the Naval-Officer, Five per Cent. on the above Sum,	-	26	0	6
			£.	621	12 10

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BY	483 Tons foreign Vessels, at 1/6 per Ton,	£.	36	4	6
	By 4233 Tons Ditto, at 2/.	-	423	6	0
	By 93 Coasters, at 10s.	-	46	10	0
	By Ballance due to the Naval-Officer,	-	115	12	4
			£.	621	12 10

Newport, April 22. 1755.

John Tillinghast, } Committee.
Thomas Cranston, }

Colony, Dr.

TO	our Time, and Trouble,	-	£.	6	0	0
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John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston.

And

And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the above Report be, and the same is hereby accepted, and that the Ballance above stated, and amounting to One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Twelve Shillings and Four Pence, be paid said Naval-Officer out of the first Money that shall arise upon the Duties for supporting the Charge of the Light-House ; and also, that the Sum of six Pounds, by the Committee charged for their Time and Trouble, in doing the Business assigned to their Charge, be allowed and paid them out of the General Treasury.

An ACT to prevent any Persons purchasing and detaining any of the Apparel and Arms belonging to any Soldier enlisted in this Colony.

WHEREAS sundry evil-minded Persons have been accustomed to take Advantage of the Soldiers who have or may enlist in any of the Companies raised or to be raised in this Colony, upon the intended Expedition, and purchase their Cloaths and Arms for small Value of them, by which Means, they are rendered incapable of doing their Duty.

For Remedy whereof,

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, if any Person in this Colony shall purchase or detain, upon any Pretence whatever, any of the Cloaths or Arms of any Soldier that is already enlisted, or may be hereafter enlisted in any of the said Companies, shall, on Conviction thereof, before any two Justices of the Peace in the Town where such Person lives, upon the Information of either of the Commission Officers of the Company to which such Soldier belongs, pay as a Fine into the Town Treasury of the Town, the Sum of Thirty Pounds Old Tenor ; and such Cloaths or Arms so detained or purchased, shall be return'd and restored to said Soldier, or the Value thereof.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who shall take out of this Colony's Service, any of the Soldiers enlisted for said Expedition, or carry off any of said Soldiers, or secrete them, or assist in doing the same, shall pay as a Fine into the General Treasury, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds for every Offence ; to be recovered by the King's Attorney, by Action of the Case . And that this Act be forthwith proclaimed.

An ACT for Naturalizing *Christian Mayer*, a Native of *Luxembourg* in *Germany*.

WHEREAS the said *Christian Mayer* represented unto this Assembly, that he was born at *Luxembourg* aforesaid, and bro't up a Protestant ; that still adhering to the Religion in which he was educated, he came into these Parts, and resides at *Newport*, where he employs himself in making Potashes, which is a Branch of Business that

that will (as he apprehends) prove of great Advantage to this and other Colonies ; that he purposes to settle at Newport, or some other Part of North-America ; and being desirous of becoming a good Subject to his Britannic Majesty, prayed to be naturalized.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said Christian Mayer be, and is hereby naturalized, and shall from time to time, and at all Times forever hereafter, be judged, deemed, and taken, to all Intents and Purposes, to be naturalized, and hereby is rendered and made equal in every Respect, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony, provided he take the proper Oaths.

And afterwards, to wit, on the tenth Day of May, the said Christian Mayer appeared, and in Presence of their Honors the Governor and Deputy Governor, and the rest of the Council, took and subscribed the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Col. Godfrey Mallbone, with Messrs. Thomas Wickham, and Evan Mallbone, be, and they, or any Two of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to treat with Josiah Arnold, Esq; about the Land at Beaver-Tail, upon which the Light-House stands, in order to purchase the same of him, with as much Land more as they shall think necessary for the Use of said Light-House : That when they shall have agreed, they take a Deed of him unto the Colony, and draw Money out of the General Treasury to pay for what they purchase : And when the said Josiah Arnold hath made and executed such a Deed, that they move him to take upon himself the Care and Charge of said Light-House ; but if he will not sell and give a Deed of said Land unto the Colony, that the Committee engage one of the best Attorneys in this Colony, to defend at the Colony's Expence, against the said Josiah Arnold, in the Suit he hath commenced ; and that the said Committee, or any Two of them, have and take Care of said Light-House in the mean Time, and until the End of the General Assembly's next Session.

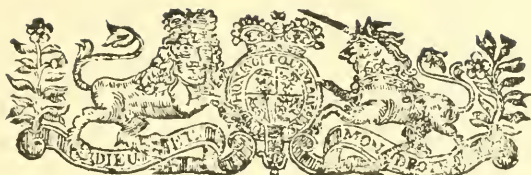
This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary publish in Newport, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, together with those of the Session held at Providence in March last, within fifteen Days, and send Copies of the whole, according to Law, within thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned unto the second Monday of June next.

G O D Save the KING.

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THO. WARD, Secret.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA* ; begun and held at *Newport*, by Adjournment, the second *Monday of June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five and in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} Assist	JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;	} Assist
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NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;			

The S E C R E T A R Y.

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The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker,

NEWPORT;

Edward Scott, Esq;
The Speaker.
Peter Bours, Esq;
Capt. Job Bennt, jun.
James Sheffield, Esq;
Mr. William Read.

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Providence ;
Daniel Jenckes, Esq;
Mr. Nicholas Brown,
George Brown, Esq;
Henry Harris, Esq;
Portsmouth ;
William Anthony, jun. Esq;
John

<i>John Allen</i> , Esq;		Charlestown ;
<i>Mr. Thomas Brownel</i> ,		<i>Col. Christopher Champlin</i> ,
<i>William Earl</i> , Esq;		<i>Capt. Joseph Stanton</i> .
Warwick ;		West-Greenwich ;
<i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq;		<i>Mr. Thomas Rogers</i> .
<i>Mr. Joseph Lippitt</i> ,		Coventry ,
<i>Mr. John Walton</i> , jun.		<i>Mr. Aaron Bowen</i> ,
Westerly ;		<i>Mr. Richard Stafford</i> .
<i>Benjamin Randal</i> , Esq;		Exeter ;
<i>Mr. Hezekiah Collins</i> .		<i>Capt. John Reynolds</i> ,
Newshorham ;		<i>Capt. John Weight</i> .
<i>Edward Sands</i> , Esq;		Middletown ;
<i>Samuel Rathbun</i> , jun. Esq;		<i>Thomas Gould</i> , Esq;
North-Kingstown ,		<i>Joshua Coggeshall</i> , jun. Esq;
<i>Immanuel Northup</i> , Esq;		Bristol ;
<i>Beriah Brown</i> , Esq;		<i>Joseph Ruffel</i> , Esq;
South-Kingstown ;		<i>Shearjashub Bourn</i> , Esq;
<i>John Potter</i> , Esq;		Tiverton ;
<i>Rowland Robinson</i> , Esq;		<i>Samuel Durfey</i> , Esq;
East-Greenwich ;		<i>Mr. Thomas Howland</i> .
<i>William Spencer</i> , Esq;		Little- Compton ;
<i>Maj. John Arnold</i> .		<i>Joseph Wood</i> , Esq;
Jamestown ,		<i>Mr. Moses Palmer</i> .
<i>Mr. Josiah Arnold</i> , jun.		Warren ;
<i>Mr. William Martin</i> .		<i>James Brown</i> , Esq;
Smithfield ;		<i>Capt. Benjamin Barton</i> .
<i>John Aldrich</i> , Esq;		Cumberland ;
<i>Mr. Jonathan Arnold</i>		<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq;
Scituate ;		<i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq;
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;		Richmond ;
<i>Capt. Amos Hammund</i> .		<i>Maj. Richard Bailey</i> ,
Glocester ;		<i>Mr. John Test</i> .
<i>Capt. John Smith</i> ,		Cranston ;
<i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq;		<i>Joseph Harris</i> , Esq;
		<i>Mr. John Barton</i> .

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Speaker Cranston*, *James Sheffield*, and *Benjamin Nichols*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, with full Power to settle in the best Manner they can, the Controversy that hath so long subsisted between this Colony and *Jahleel Brenton*, Esq; and receive of him what they shall find due unto the Government, giving a full Discharge in the Colony's Behalf.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the same Committee be, and they are hereby authorized and fully empowered to settle the Affair with *Daniel Updike*, Esq; respecting a Number of Mortgage Deeds delivered into his Hands, that Suits might be commenced upon them : a List of which was laid before the General Assembly,

Assembly, at their Session held in *Providence* on the last Monday of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty; and also every other Matter and Thing with Regard to the Grand Committee's Office, and receive of him the Ballance they shall find due unto the Colony, giving a Receipt for the same.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Edward Scott, Peter Bours, and Benjamin Nichols, Esqrs. be, and they, or any two of them, are hereby constituted a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the Newport Lottery, and make Report unto the General Assembly as soon as possible.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That there be paid out of the General Treasury, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds unto the Hon. William Grene, Esq; late Governor; and the Sum of Fifty Pounds unto the Hon. John Gardner, Esq; late Deputy Governor of this Colony, for their last Years Salaries and extraordinary Services.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session in *Newport* on the third Monday of *August*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, by an Act then and there made and passed, were pleased to order the Directors of *Joseph Fox's* Lottery to pay into the General Treasury, within one Month after the Report of the Auditors, the Ballance of Four Hundred and Six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eight Pence, at that Time found due from them unto the Colony, which said Directors have omitted doing hitherto: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer forthwith demand that Ballance of, said Directors, and sue them to the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be held at Newport, unless they shall pay it within two Months after the Rising of this Assembly.*

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved. That Nicholas Cooke, Edward Scott, and Peter Bours, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Gentlemen that were appointed to build the Light-House, and that said Committee report unto the General Assembly as soon as they can conveniently.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Jeremiah Lippitt, Daniel Updike, and James Honyman, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire whether this Colony hath any Right unto Part of the French Schooner, and the Cargo thereof, lately forfeited, and by the Admiralty Court in this Colony condemned.

An ACT altering the Times of holding the Superior Court in the County of Kent, and of the Inferior Court in Kings County.

WHEREAS it hath been found very Prejudicial and Inconvenient to hold the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of Kent, and the
Inferior

Inferior Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Kings County, as the Terms of these Courts are now stated

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That at all Times hereafter, the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, shall commence and begin its Spring-Term within and for the County of *Kent*, on the fourth Tuesday of *April*, and the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Kings County*, their Summer-Term, on the second Tuesday of *August* annually. And that all Business that was to have been done at either of the above Courts, as appointed by Law, before making this Act, shall be done and transacted at said Courts respectively, at the Times of their Sessions, as hereby altered and appointed.

WHereas the Gentlemen that were appointed by this Assembly at their last Session, to receive of our late Governor the Hon. *William Greene*, Esq, the Charter of this Colony, the Seal, and all other Things in his Custody that belong to the Government, and deliver them to his Honor the present Governor, giving and taking a Receipt for the same, have transacted that Business, and presented this Assembly with what followeth.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to receive of *William Greene*, Esq, late Governor, the Charter, and many other Things in his Hands belonging to the Government, and deliver the same to his Honor *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq, the present Governor, giving and taking a Receipt for the same: Whereupon we took the Business upon us the sixth Day of this Instant *June*, and received of Governor *Greene* the Charter, together with many other Things belonging to the Government, for which we gave him a Receipt, and did deliver the same to his Honor the Governor, as may appear by a Receipt herein inclosed.

Warwick, June 9. 1755.

Jeremiah Lippitt, { Committee.
Philip Greene }

We beg Leave to subjoin the following Account.

1755. June. 9. *The Colony of Rhode-Island to Jeremiah Lippitt and Philip Greene,* - - - Dr---

T O our Time and Trouble upon said Business, two				
Days each, at Forty Shillings per Day,	£	8	0	0
To Horse-hire, at Forty Shillings per Horse,		4	0	0
To our Expences, - - - -		5	17	0
	£	17	17	0

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Votæ and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Report of the said Committee be, and is hereby accepted; that the Account foregoing be allowed, and Seventeen Pounds Seventeen Shillings, the Amount thereof, paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas *Philip Greene* and *Daniel Jenckes*, Esqrs. who were appointed by the General Assembly, at their Session in *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four, to run the dividing Line between the Towns of *Providence* and *Cranston*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for their Time and Expence in performing that Service : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Six Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Philip Greene* and *Daniel Jenckes* out of the General Treasury,

An ACT for emitting more Bills upon the Credit of this Colony, for and towards carrying on the Part by this Government undertaken in the present Expedition, for removing Encroachments made by the *French*.

WHEREAS it is very evident, that the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds in Old-Tenor Bills, ordered by the General Assembly at their Session in *Providence* the sixth Day of *January* last, is altogether insufficient to defray the Expence necessarily arising upon the Government, with Respect to that Part which they have undertaken in the Expedition above-mentioned.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the Purpose aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Thousand Pounds in such Bills as are above-mentioned, be struck off, that is to say, ~~three~~ ^{three} from the large, and the Remainder from the small Plate last used by this Government : That it be emitted upon the same Foundation, and sunk in the same Manner, and at the same Periods of Time with the said Sixty Thousand Pounds : That the small Plate be new dated, with the Addition of *CROWN POINT* upon the Back, and the Bills signed by the Committee that signed the said Sixty Thousand Pounds : That Ten of the Forty Thousand Pounds be struck off at one Time, and when that shall be expended, Ten Thousand Pounds more, and so on, until the whole Sum of Forty Thousand Pounds be emitted, if Necessity may require it.

Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That his Honor the Deputy Governor, *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq, and the Secretary, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to represent this Colony, and directed and fully impowered to demand, sue for, and take into Possession, this Colony's Part of the *French* Schooner and her Cargo lately forfeited and condemned by the Court of Vice-Admiralty in this Colony ; and also the Colony's Part of all and every other Vessel or Vessels, Cargo or Cargoes, that may hereafter be forfeited.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer pay and discharge a Bill of Exchange, dated *January* the 15th, 1755, and drawn by *Richard Partridge*, Esq, our Agent in *Great-Britain*, for One Hundred and Fifty Pound.

Sterling, upon the Hon. *William Greene*, Esq; late Governor of this Colony, and charge the same unto Account of the Government.

Whereas *Edward Cole*, Esq; Captain of the first Company raised in this Colony, to serve in the Expedition now on Foot, hath been promoted and made Lieutenant-Colonel of our Regiment in that Service ; whence it will come to pass, that the Lieutenant of his Company will be obliged to perform more than ordinary Duty *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That the Wages of the Lieutenant of the said *Edward Cole's* Company, be augmented and made *Ninety Pounds per Month*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That when the Collectors of the Rate made by this Colony, return their Warrants, and pay in the Money collected, if it shall appear unto the General Treasurer, that any Sums that shall be in Arrear, could not have been collected, he shall grant forth a new Warrant or Warrants, for collecting the same, returnable in one Month.

Whereas there was an Act made and passed by the General Assembly, at their Session in *Providence* upon the sixth Day of *March* last, entituled, *An Act to restrain the sending Provisions and warlike Stores to Cape-Breton, or any other French Port or Settlement in North-America*, which was to be and continue in Force until the first Wednesday of *May* thence next ensuing ; which said Act was by the General Assembly, at their Session last Month, revived and made to take Effect, and continue in Force; with an Addition thereunto forbidding the Collector, and every one under him, to clear out any Vessel or Vessels to *Cape-Breton*, on any Pretence whatever ; and that the same Act, with the Addition thereto made as aforesaid, should be and continue in Force until the Rising of this Assembly. *And forasmuch*, as the Occasion of making and continuing said Act, with the Addition aforesaid, still subsist, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That the Act aforesaid, with the Clause thereto added, be, and the same is hereby continued, and shall have and take Force, and be of Effect to all Intents and Purposes, until the Rising of the General Assembly at their next Session.

AND it is farther Enacted, That this Act be forthwith published by the Secretary, who is hereby directed to send a Copy unto the Collector's Office : Both of which were accordingly done on the twelfth Day of this Instant *June*, by
THO. WARD, Secry.

Whereas *Joseph Scott*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, represented unto this Assembly, that he was sued by *Stephen Hazzard* of *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *Kings County*, Esq; to the last Inferior Court of Common Pleas held in said *Kings County*, for the Sum of Fourteen Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence, the Amount of a Debt due from *Joseph Whipple*, Esq; unto the said *Stephen Hazzard* : That the Case stands continued from said Term unto the next ; and that as the said
Joseph

Joseph Scott is a public Officer of the Government, and only carried into Execution an Act of the General Assembly made and past in *August*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three, for the Relief of the above-named *Joseph Whipple*, he takes it for a Duty incumbent on him, to inform this Court of the abovesaid Prosecution, and prayed Relief, &c.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Commissioners of the Estate of the aforesaid Joseph Whipple be, and are hereby directed to satisfy and discharge the Judgment obtained by the said Stephen Hazzard against said Whipple, out of his Estate, before any Distribution thereof be made.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be allowed out of the General Treasury, and paid unto Col. Christopher Harris, for laying in Stores.

Whereas *William Paul*, a Deputy Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Fourteen Pounds charged against the Government, for his Service and Horsehire in notifying the Members of the General Assembly in the County of *Newport*, of their being summoned, by a Warrant from his Honor the late Governor *Greene*, to meet at *Providence* on the Thirty-first Day of *December* last : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved. That Twelve Pounds of said Account be allowed and paid said William Paul out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for notifying the several Members of the General Assembly living in that County, to meet at the Time and Place mentioned by *William Paul*, in his Account for the like Service in *Newport County*. And this Assembly having duly examined the said *Beriah Brown's* Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid him out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account for the like Service performed in his County, with that performed by *William Paul* and *Beriah Brown*, in the Counties of *Newport* and *Kings County* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Benjamin Arnold out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *Joseph Scott*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Five Pounds charged against the Government, for Money charged to his Account by *Dr. Moffatt*, who, at said Sheriff's Request, visited and looked after *James Ellis* and *Thomas Jones*, two Felons in *Newport Gaol*. And
whereas

whereas *George Lawton*, Keeper of said Gaol, exhibited also an Account charged against the Government, for his Fees, and providing Attendance on said *Ellis* and *Jones* while sick, and other Necessaries; and for the Prison Fees of *William Rights* another Felon committed to said Gaol. And this Assembly having duly examined the said Accounts, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and are hereby allowed, and that the said *Joseph Scott* receive the Amount of his Account, and the said *George Lawton* Thirty-two Pounds, the Amount of his, out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *John Tillinghast*, *Jeremiah Lippitt*, *Philip Greene*, *Daniel Jenckes*, and *Job Randal*, Esqrs. be, and hereby are constituted a Committee, to form an Act, to determin and ascertain in what Manner Judgments made, and to be made up for Sterling Money, Gold, Silver, or Paper Bills, of any of the neighbouring Colonies, shall be satisfied, in such Manner that the Creditors may receive equal in Value to what is due, and no more.

An ACT for farther continuing the present Committee of War.

*W*HEREAS the General Assembly at their last Session, granted the Committee of War full Power and Authority during the Recess of the General Assembly, to act, order, do, and transact, all and every Matter and Matters, Thing and Things, necessary and convenient to be ordered, done, or executed, for effectually carrying into Execution, the Part this Government hath undertaken in the Expedition intended to remove Incroachments made by the French upon the Territories of our Sovereign, and that as fully and amply, to all Intents and Purposes, as the General Assembly itself could, ought, or might, were it actually sitting; which Power and Authority may seem to have been abrogated and annulled by this present Session.

*B*E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the same Power and Authority be, and hereby is further continued unto the said Committee of War, and they shall at all Times have and enjoy the same, during the Recess of the General Assembly, so long as the present Expedition shall continue, they being always accountable for their Conduct, unto future General Assemblies.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and is hereby referred unto their next Session: That the Secretary proclaim in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten, and send Copies of the whole to each Town in this Colony, agreeable to Law, within thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned to the third Monday of *August* next.

G O D Save the KING.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the English Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations* in *New-England* in AMERICA; begun in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor, and held at *Newport* on Monday the Eleventh of *August*, 1755, and in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T;

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>	JOSEPH BROWNEL. jun. Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPITT, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;			

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several T O W N S.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;

Edward Scott, Esq;
The Speaker.
Peter Bours. Esq;
Capt. Job Bennet, jun.
James Sheffield, Esq;
Mr. William Read.



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Providence;

Daniel Jenckes, Esq;
Mr. Nicholas Brown,
George Brown, Esq;
Henry Harris, Esq;

Portsmouth;

William Anthony, jun. Esq;

John

<i>John Allen</i> , Esq;	{	Capt. <i>Joseph Stanton</i> .
<i>Mr. Thomas Brownel</i> ,		West-Greenwich ;
<i>William Earl</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Mr. Thomas Rogers</i> ,
Warwick ;		<i>Mr. Philip Greene</i> .
<i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq;	{	Coventry ;
<i>Mr. Joseph Lippitt</i> ,		<i>Mr. Aaron Bowen</i> ,
<i>Mr. John Walton</i> , jun.	{	<i>Mr. Richard Stafford</i> .
<i>Benjamin Arnold</i> , Esq;		Exeter ;
Wetterly ;	{	Capt. <i>John Reynolds</i> ,
<i>Benjamin Randal</i> , Esq;		Capt. <i>John Weight</i> .
<i>Mr. Hezekiah Collins</i> .	{	Middletown ;
Newhereham ; N O N E.		<i>Thomas Gould</i> , Esq;
North-Kingstown ;	{	<i>Joshua Coggeshall</i> , jun. Esq;
<i>Immanuel Northup</i> , Esq;		Bristol ;
<i>Bertab Brown</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Joseph Ruffel</i> , Esq;
South-Kingstown ;		<i>Shearjashub Bourn</i> , Esq;
<i>John Potter</i> , Esq;	{	Tiverton ;
<i>Rowland Robinson</i> , Esq;		<i>Samuel Durfee</i> , Esq;
East-Greenwich ;	{	<i>Mr. Thomas Howland</i> .
<i>William Spencer</i> , Esq;		Little Compton ;
<i>Maj. John Arnold</i> .	{	<i>Joseph Wood</i> , Esq;
Jamestown ;		<i>Mr. Moses Palmer</i> .
<i>Mr. Josiah Arnold</i> , jun.	{	Warren ;
<i>Mr. William Martin</i> .		<i>James Brown</i> , Esq;
Smithfield ;	{	Capt. <i>Benjamin Barton</i> .
<i>John Aldrich</i> , Esq;		Cumberland ;
<i>Mr. Jonathan Arnold</i> .	{	<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq;
Scituate ;		<i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq;
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;	{	Richmond ;
Capt. <i>Amos Hammond</i> .		<i>Maj. Richard Bailey</i> ,
Glocetter ;	{	<i>Mr John Test</i> .
Capt. <i>John Smith</i> .		Cranston ;
Charlestown ;	{	<i>Joseph Harris</i> , Esq;
Col. <i>Christopher Champlin</i> ,		<i>Mr. John Burton</i> .

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Three Companies of Fifty Men each, including Officers, be forthwith raised and supported at the Charge of this Colony, sent and joined unto the Companies already raised and sent by this Government unto *Albany*, upon the Expedition against *Crown-Point* ; and that *Jeremiah Lippitt*, Esq; the Attorney General, *George Brown*, Esq; and the Secretary be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to draw up an Act accordingly.

“ **W**E the Subscribers dissent from the Vote for raising One Hundred and Fifty Men to be added to those already raised for the Expedition to *Crown-Point*, for the following Reason.

Because we are of Opinion, that the Four Hundred Men formerly voted, are this Colony's full Quota : and we are unwilling to load our

our Constituents with a Burthen that we think exceeds their Ability to bear.

Thomas Rogers,	Edward Scott,
Benjamin Arnold,	Immanuel Northup,
William Spencer.	Samuel Dursog.
	Philip Greene of
	West-Greenwich,*

Whereas *James Sheffield*, Esq; Captain of Fort George, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government for Moneys by him disbursed in providing sundry Necessaries for the public Service at said Fort : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Forty-one Pounds Six Shillings and Four Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *James Sheffield* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw the Sum of Fifty-seven Pounds out of the General Treasury for purchasing Pine Boards, in order to finish the Gaol in Providence.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly made and passed at three Sessions, to wit, one in *March* last, and the other two in *May* following, and furnishing Paper for that Service : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Seventy-two Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

And whereas the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly another Account by them charged against the Government for performing the like Service with Regard to the Session held at *Newport* the second Monday in *June* last : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Nineteen Pounds Five Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *William Paul*, a Deputy Sheriff in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government for summoning the Members of the General Assembly within said County living, to meet at *Providence* in *March* last, pursuant to a Warrant issued for that Purpose by his Honor the late Governor *Greene* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Paul* out of the General Treasury.

And

And whereas the said *William Paul* exhibited unto this Assembly another Account by him charged against the Government, for summoning the Members of the General Assembly within the County of *Newport* living, to meet and hold this Session, pursuant to a Warrant issued for that Purpose by his Honor the Governor : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Fourteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Paul* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of *Kings County*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government for summoning the Members of the General Assembly within said County living, to meet at *Providence* in *March* last, pursuant to a Warrant issued for that Purpose by his Honor the late Governor *Greene* ; and for the like Service, pursuant to a Warrant issued by his Honor the present Governor, in order to hold this Session : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-four Pounds, the Amount of said Account, be paid the said *Beriah Brown* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for summoning the Members of the General Assembly within said County living, to meet at *Providence* in *February* last, pursuant to a Warrant issued for that Purpose by his Honor the late Governor *Greene* ; and for the like Service, pursuant to a Warrant issued by his Honor the present Governor, in order to hold this Session : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Arnold* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Wall* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for carrying a Warrant issued by his Honor the late Governor *Greene*, from *Providence* to the County of *Kent*, and summoning the Members of the Towns of *East* and *West-Greenwich* to meet and hold the General Assembly ; which was held at *Providence* in *March* last : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Ten Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Wall* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas this Assembly is informed by his Honor the Lieutenant Governor of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, that it has been reported that Vessels have sailed, and that others were fitting out from this Government, designed to go among the *French* with Provisions : *This Assembly*

Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That John Tillinghast, Immanuel Northup, Edward Scott, and William Anthony, jun. Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to make strict Enquiry into the above-mention'd Affair, and make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Obadiah Brown, James Sheffield, and Joseph Ruffel, Esqrs. and Mr. Joseph Lippist be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of War, and make Report unto this Assembly as soon as possible.

An ACT for raising and supporting three Companies of Fifty Men each, including Officers, to join the Troops already sent by this Government in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*.

WHERE AS the Defeat of the English Army at or near the Mo-naungahela, may not only inspirit the French and their Indian Allies, but give them an Opportunity, and the Advantage of detaching such a Part of their Forces to the Northward, as may render the Success of the Expedition under Major General Shirley against Niagara precarious, but frustrate that which this Colony, in Conjunction with some other of His Majesty's Governments in North-America are engaged in against Crown-Point, and thereby bring the English Empire in those Parts into considerable Danger.

For preventing whereof, as far as lieth in the Power of this Colony,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That Three Companies of Fifty Men each, including Officers, be forthwith raised and supported at the Expence of this Colony, under the Command of such Officers as shall be chosen and appointed for that Purpose, and sent by Land unto Albany, as fast as the Companies can be filled up, by Order of his Honor the Governor; and from thence to march with the utmost Expedition, so as to join and be added unto the Regiment already sent by this Government against Crown-Point, under the Command of Col. Christopher Harris, before any Action is entered upon, if possible.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Officers to be chosen, shall have and receive the same Wages, and enjoy equal Immunities and Advantages with those already sent; and every Soldier to be raised, the same Wages, Bounties, and Immunities in every Respect, as were granted the Soldiers of our aforesaid Regiment: And as a farther Encouragement, and for the more speedy raising Men to form the three new Companies, each Soldier shall have and be allowed upon his enlistment, a Bounty of Twenty-five Pounds Old-Tenar more than was allowed or granted unto the Soldiers first raised in this Colony.

AND to the End that there may be a Sufficiency in the General Treasury for raising Men, paying Bounties, supporting the Troops, and other incident Charges, *Be it farther Enacted*, That the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds be forthwith made and struck off from the Plates which were used at the Beginning of the Expedition, and signed by the Committee that signed those Bills, and deposited with the General Treasurer. to be taken, drawn out, and used as Occasion shall require.

AND be it farther Enacted, That the Bills so emitted, shall pursuant to Act of Parliament, be called in and sunk within the Space or Term of two Years from the Passing this Act, by a Tax to be assessed and levied upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, in the same Manner as the Tax for sinking the Sixty Thousand Pounds ordered to be made and struck off by the General Assembly in March last.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, the Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen and appointed unto the Offices ascribed unto their respective Names.

His Honor the Governor, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery.

Officers to command the Three Companies to be raised and added unto the Troops of this Government already sent in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*.

John Whiting, Captain ; *Benjamin Hall* (Son of *Nathanael*) Lieutenant ; and *Caleb Hacker*, Ensign, of the first Company ; but Mr. *Hacker* refusing, *Benjamin Bosworth* was chosen in his Stead.

Amos Hammond, Captain ; *Stephen Arnold* (of *Smithfield*) Lieutenant ; and *Joseph Davis* (of *Cumberland*) Ensign, of the second Company.

William Bradford, Captain ; *Robert Hopkins* (of *Exeter*) Lieutenant ; and *Jonathan Andrew*, Ensign of the third Company.

Joseph Edmunds, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warwick*.

Edward Potter, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Scituate*.

Benjamin Bentley, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*.

Gideon Comstock, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Cranston*.

Kendal Nickels, jun. was chosen Captain, and refusing, *Job Bennet*, jun. Captain of the third Company or Train'd Band in the Town of *Newport*, was chosen Captain ; *Joseph Belcher*, Lieutenant ; and *Daniel Bosworth*, Ensign of the second Company or Train'd Band in said Town.

William Rogers, Captain ; *James Rogers*, Lieutenant ; and *Timothy Balch*, Ensign of the third Company or Train'd Band in the Town of *Newport*.

William Potter, Captain ; *Caleb Gorton*, Lieutenant ; and *Thomas Greene*, Ensign of the third Company or Train'd Band in the Town of *Warwick*.

Thomas Douglass, Captain ; *Jeremiah Gardner*, jun. Lieutenant ; and *Benjamin Congdor* the third, Ensign of the second Company or Train'd Band in *North-Kingstown*.

Seth Eldred, Lieutenant ; and *Samuel Northrup*, Ensign of the third Company or Train'd Band in *North-Kingstown*.

Gideon Casey, Ensign of the second Company or Train'd Band in *South-Kingstown*.

Christopher Relpb, Captain of the first Company or Train'd Band in *Scituate*.

Rufus Smith, Captain ; *John Smith*, jun. Lieutenant ; and *Jonathan Harris*, Ensign of the second Company or Train'd Band in the Town of *Glocester*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved. That the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury towards carrying on the Building of *Fort George* : And in Case the Town of *Newport* shall on their own proper Account grant the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds towards building said Fort, that Five Thousand Pounds more be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury for the Purpose aforesaid, to be added unto the first mention'd Five Thousand Pounds.

An ACT to prohibit Provisions, or any Intelligence from being carried to *Cape-Breton*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof. It is Enacted, That if any Master of a Vessel, or others, shall carry or convey any Cattle, Sheep, or Provisions, or warlike Stores of any Kind whatever, to the Island of *Cape-Breton*, or any other French Port, or to any Parts of *Newfoundland* ; or shall carry or convey any Intelligence to said Island of *Cape-Breton*, or to the French in any other Place, of the Expeditions carrying on in *America* against the French and Indians, on due Conviction thereof, such Offender or Offenders shall stand in the Pillory for the Space of half an Hour, and have his or their Ears cut off, and pay as a Fine for the Use of the Colony, Five Thousand Pounds ; and shall be also forever after rendered infamous. And to the End that no Opportunity may be given to evil-minded Persons to contract for, and to export any Provision or Warlike Stores, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, all His Majesty's Peace Officers in general, are hereby impowered, and strictly required, to take Notice of, and examin into the Conduct of all Strangers and others, who they have any Reason to believe are about to do any Thing contrary to this Act, and if it shall appear to them needful, to secure any suspected Person, 'till he enter into Recognizance with good Sureties, to do nothing contrary to this Act ; or if Strangers, and can give no good Account of themselves and Business, forthwith to depart this Colony. And this Act shall be forthwith published, and be in Force.

Whereas the Act of the General Assembly made in March last, entitled, ' An Act to restrain the sending Provisions and Warlike Stores

' Stores to Cape-Breton, or any other Port or Settlement belonging to the French in North-America,' and continued by several subsequent Acts until the Rising of this Assembly, will necessarily expire without a farther Continuance.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the above-mention'd Act, and every Clause therein contained, with all such Additions as have since at any Time been thereunto made, be, and hereby is continued, and shall have full Force and Effect, until such Time as this Assembly shall otherwise order.

AND be it farther Enacted, That no Provisions of any Kind whatever, Fish only excepted, shall be exported out of this Colony in any Ship or Vessel, more than is barely sufficient for Victualling such Ship's Company for her intended Voyage : And that if any Person or Person shall presume to ship or put on Board any Ship or Vessel, a greater Quantity of any Kind of Provisions than is above mentioned, the Offender or Offenders, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall forfeit all such Provisions, together with the Ship or Vessel on Board which they are put or laded, and all the other Goods on Board such Ship or Vessel ; one Half to the Use of the Colony, and the other Half to him who shall inform and sue for the same.

PROVIDED Nevertheless, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, That nothing herein contained, shall be construed to prohibit the Exporting from this Colony, any Cheese, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, or Fowls, being alive, with Grain sufficient for their Support on the Voyage to any English Port, Newfoundland excepted, provided Bond be given agreeable to the above-mention'd Law ; nor to obstruct the transporting Provisions of any Kind from this Colony to Albany, for the Use of the Colony's Forces gone or to be sent on the Expedition against Crown-Point : And this Act shall be forthwith published, and be in Force.

This and the preceding Act were published according to Order, the fifteenth Day of August, 1755.

An ACT for relieving indigent Persons, at the Expence of his, her, or their Parents or Children.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Father and Grand-father, and the Mother and Grand-mother, and the Children, of every poor, old, blind, lame, and impotent Person, or other Person not able to work (being of sufficient Ability) shall at his, her, or their own Charge and Expence, relieve and maintain every such poor or indigent Person, in that Manner, and according to that Rate, as by the Justices of the Peace of that County in which such Persons dwell or reside, or the greater Number of them, at their Court of General Sessions of the

the Peace, shall be assessed, upon Pain that every One of them shall forfeit and pay Five Pounds for every Week he, she, or they shall fail therein ; to be recovered by an Action of the Case, to be bro't by the Overseers of the Poor of the Town where such poor or indigent Person shall dwell or reside.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Thomas Craufston, James Sheffield, and Benjamin Nichols, Esqrs. or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby appointed, and fully impowered to settle with Jableel Brenton, Esq; the Controversy which hath so long subsisted between the Colony and the said Jableel Brenton, in the best Manner they can, and receive what shall appear due unto the Colony from him, giving a full Discharge in the Colony's Behalf.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the following Vessels shall be, and hereby are stopped from going to Sea until farther Orders, to wit, Sloop Hannah, Jonathan Sheldon Master, for Barbados, with One Hundred and Twenty Sheep, and One Hundred Geese ; Sloop Penguin, Job Snell for Africa, One Hundred and Twenty Casks, containing Flour, Bread, Beef, Pork, and Butter ; Sloop Leopard, Edmund Jacklyn for Barbados, two Casks of Rice, Forty Barrels of Beef and Pork, and Twenty Barrels of Flour : Bark Maggot, John Lance for Barbados, Forty Barrels of Beef and Pork, Sixty Sheep, and Seven Firkins of Butter ; Sloop Molly, William Earl for Jamaica, Thirty Barrels of Flour, Eighty Sheep, and Five Barrels of Hams ; and Sloop Herring, Matthew Cozzens for Jamaica, Forty Barrels of Flour, Twenty Sheep, Three Tens of Bread, Five Hundred Weight of Cheese, Twenty Casks of Rice, and One Hundred Geese.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer of this Colony, and the Keeper of the Office of the Grand Committee, prosecute all the deficient Collectors of the Rate lately assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, in ten Days after this present Assembly shall rise, to one or more special Courts, as Necessity may require, to be held in the respective Counties where the Rates are collected ; and that the said Prosecutors, in Behalf of the Colony, have all the Benefits, and Advantages of the Law, that enables the Justices of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas to hold special Courts on certain Occasions.

Whereas there are six Vessels in the Harbour of *Newport* cleared out for foreign Parts, having Provisions on Board, as appears by a List exhibited unto this Assembly by the Collector : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War be, and they are hereby authorized and fully impowered to take and detain for the Use of the Government, so much of those Provisions as they shall deem necessary to supply the Troops by this Assembly ordered to be raised, and then give Orders unto the Captain of the Fort to permit those Vessels to go to Sea.*

Whereas *Jean Joyeux, Hubert Castendet, and John Gazan*. Subjects of the *French King*, represented unto this Assembly, That they have for several Years last past, resided by Times in *Newport*, whither they came with no other View than to trade with the *English* in a friendly Manner : That their last coming was purely to settle their Affairs, pay the Debts they had contracted, and then return unto their respective Habitations, but that soon after their Arrival, they were confined to their Lodgings, and remain so ever since, which hath put it out of their Power to settle their Affairs : That during their Confinement, they have preferred two Petitions unto the Committee of War, begging Leave to go abroad, but unto such Parts of the Town only as their Business should necessarily call them : That the said Committee have not yet thought proper to grant the Liberty desired : Whereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them what they requested of the Committee of War.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Petitioners have twenty Days after the Rising of this Assembly allowed them, in order to settle their Accounts : That they be, during that Time, under the Inspection of the Committee of War, and then to depart this Colony ; and in Case they shall not depart before nor at said Time, that they be sent away by the Committee of War ; and that all other Subjects of the *French King* within this Colony, depart the same within twenty Days, or otherwise be sent away also by the Committee of War.

And it is also farther Voted and Resolved, That the Collector of His Majesty's Customs in *Newport*, be, and hereby is directed and impowered to oblige every Master of a Vessel bound to Sea, to carry away as many of said *Frenchmen* as the Committee of War shall think proper, before he clears such Vessel out.

Whereas *Gideon Siffon* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for three Ruggs by him delivered last March unto *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Goal in *Newport*, for the Use of Prisoners then and there confined : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*. That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Fourteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Gideon Siffon* out of the General Treasury.

The Gentlemen that were appointed to enquire into the Grounds of the Rumour that Vessels had sailed laden, and others were sitting out from this Colony, designed to go among the *French* with Provisions, presented what follows, *to wit*.

Aug. 13. 1755.

To the House of Magistrates.

Gentlemen,

Whereas this Assembly is informed by his Honor the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, that it has

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been reported that Vessels have failed, and that others were fitting out from this Government, designed to go among the *French* with Provisions: *It is therefore Resolved*. That *Immanuel Northup, Edward Scott, and William Anthony, jun. Esqrs.*, together with such others as shall be appointed by the Upper House, be a Committee to make strict Enquiry into the above-mention'd Affair, and make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Voted and pass per Order,

J. Lyndon, Clerk,

Read 14th of *August* in the Upper House, and concurred, with the Addition of *John Tillinghass, Esq;* of this House.

By Order,

Thomas Ward, Secry.

A true Copy examined,

Witness Thomas Ward, Secry

“ **W** E the Subscribers having made strict Enquiry into the Affair mentioned in the above Vote, do Report, That *John Lavigne*, Master of the Sloop *Ranger*, bound to *Antigua*, one of the Vessels that failed in Company with the Snow in which the *French* Marquiss embarked, has made Oath, That he had on Board only three Barrels of Pork, one Barrel of Beef, one Barrel of Mutton, and three Tierces of Bread: That he intended to take on Board twelve Sheep, and three Shotes; and that he would not lade or suffer to be laden on Board said Vessel for the intended Voyage, after clearing out, any other Provisions than the above-mentioned, as appears by a Certificate in the Collector's Office, dated *July 12. A. D. 1755*, signed by *Edward Scott, Justice, &c.* And *Mr. John Collins*, sole Owner of said Sloop, has on Engagement before us, declared, That to the best of his Knowledge, there were no more Provisions on Board than the Master had given an Account of. That *Job Easton*, Master of the Sloop *Bonetta*, cleared out for *Antigua* the other Vessel that sail'd in Company with the above-mentioned Snow, has made Oath, that he had no more Provisions, nor would take any more on Board said Vessel than are absolutely necessarily for said Voyage, as appears by a Certificate in the Office aforesaid, dated *July 12. 1755*, signed by *Joseph Sylbester* Justice of the Peace; and Messrs. *Jonathan Thurston* and *John Jesson*, Owners of the said Sloop, and *Mr. Godfrey Mullbone, jun.* who chartered one Half of her, have made Oath before us, that all the Provisions on Board said Sloop, were three Barrels and one Half of Pork, three Barrels and one Half of Beef, three Hogheads and seven Barrels of Bread, One Hundred and Sixty-nine Weight of Bacon, Six Sheep, and One Half Bushel of Peas. That *Simon Rhodes, John Waite, John Updike, and Jeremiah Wilcox* had cleared out with Provisions, being Live Stock for *Hallifax*, all of whom had given Bond pursuant to Act of Assembly; and that said Bonds were shewn to us by the Collector, who has assured us, that all the Masters of Vessels cleared out in his Office with more Provisions than were necessary for their Victualling on the proposed Voyage, had given the like Bonds.

And

And that we are of Opinion, that the Report of Vessels having failed from this Port with Provisions designed for the *French*, is absolutely without Foundation.

Newport, 15th August, 1755.

John Tillinghast,
Immanuel Norbup,
Edward Scott,
William Anthony, jun.

And now this Assembly having duly examined and considered the foregoing Report, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby accepted.

Whereas his Honor the Governor exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, as follows.

1755.	<i>Colony of Rhode-Island to Stephen Hopkins,</i>	- -	<i>Dr---</i>
July.	T O Nathanael Green Moody, sent Express to <i>Boston</i>	- - - -	£. 14 0 0
	To Horschire for Moody to Benjamin Hunt,	-	8 0 0
	To John M'Neal, sent Express to Hartford.	-	24 0 0
	To James Clay, sent Express to Boston,	-	15 0 0
Aug.	To Cash paid by Mr. Nichols to an Express sent from Connecticut with the Commissary's Letters,		28 0 0
	To Joseph Irefon, sent Express from Newport to Providence,	- - - -	21 7 6
	To Joseph Irefon, sent Express to Boston, per Agreement with him,	- - - -	30 0 0
			£. 140 7 6
	Deduct from Irefon's Account.		6 7 6

	Newport, Aug. 13. E. E. per Stephen Hopkins.		£. 134 0 0

And now this Assembly having duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, saving and excepting Six Pounds Seven Shillings and Six Pence to be deducted out of *Joseph Irefon's* Account; and that One Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds remaining after said Deduction is made, be paid his Honor the Governor out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Nehemiah Marks* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for supplying the Secretary with Paper in order to make two Registry-Books, *to wit*, one of Letters received by the Government, and the other of Letters sent abroad upon the Colony's Service: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Eighteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nehemiah Marks* out of the General Treasury.

And whereas *Francis Skinner* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for furnishing Call's Leather, and making into Books the Paper which Mr. *Marks* supplied

supplied the Secretary with, for the Purpose of registering Letters received and sent by the Government : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Sixteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Francis Skinner* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas there was exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Twenty-eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings, charged against the Government by *Francis Skinner*, for furnishing Paper and Calf's Leather, and making the same into a Book, &c. for the Use of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Newport* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed. And whereas it appears, that *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; Clerk of said Court, hath paid the Money charged as aforesaid, out of his own Pocket, *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of Twenty-eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings be refunded unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, and paid him out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Douglas* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for making Irons and Nails, and mending the Gaol in *Kings County*, after *Henry Reynolds* had broken the same : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Four Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Douglas* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Peleg Rogers, Richard Willson, and Daniel Dunham*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for looking after the Colony-House, sweeping and cleansing the same for one whole Year, and for tending upon the Glasier whilst he was repairing the Glass Windows of said House, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-seven Pounds Six Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peleg, Richard, and Daniel*, out of the General Treasury.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That in Case an Escape is made by any Prisoner after Bond given to the Sheriff, and a Suit brought for the Benefit of the Creditor, pursuant to an Act, entituled, *An Act for the Escape of Prisoners for Debt* ; in all such Cases the Damages to be made up by the Court whereunto such Suit is brought, shall be *Thirty per Cent.* upon the principal Sum and Costs.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War be, and hereby are directed to put out Advertisements, promising a Reward not exceeding Forty Pounds, for apprehending and securing any Deserter or Deserters from the Troops raised and to be raised by this Government, for and towards carrying on the Expedition against *Crown-Point*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed and fully empowered to make out and issue under the Seal of the Colony, a proper Commission unto his Honor the Governor, as Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, in and throughout the Colony, unto which Office he hath been chosen and appointed by this Assembly at their present Session.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted. That if any of the Commission Officers by this Assembly appointed to go with the Three Companies ordered to be raised and sent as an additional Force against *Crown-Point*, shall die, or refuse to take his Commission, the Committee of War shall, and hereby are authorized and fully empowered to appoint another or others in his or their Stead that shall happen to die or refuse.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committee of War be, and hereby is clothed with and shall have, take, and exercise in the Recess of the General Assembly, all and singular the Power and Authority that was given or granted them by the Act passed at last Session for their farther Continuance, they being always accountable for their Conduct unto future Assemblies.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary publish in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within forty, send Copies according to Law, unto every Town in the Colony : And that this Assembly be adjourned to the fourth Monday of *October* next, if called at said Time by either of their Honors the Governor or the Deputy Governor ; but if not called before nor at said Time, then this Assembly shall be dissolved.

GOD Save the KING.

Published in Newport according to Order, the sixteenth Day of August, 1755. by

THO. WARD, Secret.

*A true Copy duly examined
Witness. Tho Ward Secy*



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the English Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations* in *New-England* in AMERICA; begun in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor, and held at *Newport* on Monday the Eighth of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Five, and in the Twenty Ninth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great Britain*, and so forth.

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<i>John Aldrich, Esq;</i>		<i>Maj. Richard Bailey,</i>
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Glocester ;		<i>Mr. John Burton.</i>
<i>Richard Steere, Esq;</i>	{	

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Company of Soldiers raised in this Colony, under the Command of Capt. *John Whiting*, towards reinforcing the Army gone against *Crown-Point*, be forthwith embarked and sent to *Albany* on Board the Transport taken up in the Government's Service for carrying Provisions, &c. to that Place, and that they proceed from *Albany* to join the Army in the same Manner with the Company that marched from *Providence* : And that the Committee of War put on Board said Sloop, all such Deserters as are or shall be taken up before the Departure of said Sloop, rendering them into the Care of the said Captain, in order to their being carried unto the several Companies to which they belong respectively, and delivered unto the Captains of the same.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That Four Companies, to consist of Fifty Men each, including Officers, be forthwith raised and subsisted at the Charge of the Colony, to be added unto those already raised, and ordered to be raised for the Expedition against Crown-Point : And that when said Companies are raised, they be sent and joined unto the Regiment of this Government, under the Command of Col. Christopher Harris : And that an Act be drawn up accordingly, by a Committee to be appointed by both Houses.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Jeremiah Lippitt, William Richmond, Daniel Jenckes, and Daniel Upsike, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for raising Four Companies towards a Reinforcement of the Army gone against Crown-Point, agreeable to the Vote of this Assembly made and pass'd for that Purpose.

Whereas *Edward Bosworth* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Time and Trouble in looking for, finding, and bringing to *Newport*, the Press and Counterfeit Money of *Constant Barney* and *Joshua Reed*, according to Orders by him receiv'd from Authority for that Purpose : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That* said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Seven Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Edward Bosworth* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Joseph Ireson* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Horsehire, Time, and Expences, in riding to *Providence* to carry a Letter unto his Honor the Governor, at the Request of his Honor the Deputy Governor : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That* the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Eleven Pounds Three Shillings and Six Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Ireson* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Time and Expences in summoning the Members of the General Assembly within his County living, to meet at *Newport*, and hold the present Session : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That* said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Arnold* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *William Paul*, a Deputy Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government for the like Service performed in said County as *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; performed in the County of *Kent* :
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Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Paul* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government for the like Service by him perform'd in his County, as was performed in the Counties of *Newport* and *Kent*, by *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; and *Mr. William Paul*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriah Brown* out of the General Treasury.

An ACT for raising Two Hundred Men to reinforce the *English* Army gone against *Crown-Point*.

WHEREAS by *Advices* lately received from *Major General Johnson*, Commander in Chief of the *Provincial Forces* employed in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*, it appears that the *French* are in a Condition to bring a much greater Number of Men to oppose that Enterprize, than the Colonies had at that Time raised for carrying it on, which makes it absolutely necessary that large Reinforcements should be speedily sent unto our Army: And as the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and the Colony of *Connecticut*, have already ordered very large Numbers of Men to be immediately raised and employed in that Service; and this Colony is willing also to contribute in Proportion to their Ability, towards so necessary a Measure.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That Two Hundred Men be forthwith raised in this Colony, to be disposed into Four Companies of Fifty Men each, including Officers; and as soon as the said Companies are respectively full, the Committee of War immediately cause them to move forward and join the Regiment already raised, and now in the Service under the Command of *Col. Christopher Harris*.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Soldiers so to be raised. shall upon their Inlistment, receive each Man a Bounty of Forty Pounds, and a good Blanket gratis, or in Lieu thereof Eight Pounds, if he furnish himself with one; and the Officers shall have and receive the following Monthly Wages, viz. every Captain, One Hundred Pounds; every Lieutenant, Sixty Pounds; every Ensign, Fifty Pounds; every Sergeant and Drummer, Twenty Pounds; every Corporal, Eighteen Pounds; and each common Soldier, Sixteen Pounds: All which Wages and Bounties shall be paid and given in Old-Tenor Bills of Public Credit. Moreover, every Officer and Soldier shall have one Month's Pay advanced to him

him before he marches, and enjoy the same Immunities and Advantages which the Soldiers already raised in this Colony, are allowed by the former Acts.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Officers shall be forthwith chosen to command the said Four Companies ; and in Case any of them, when chosen, shall refuse to take his Office, or neglect to enter upon the Duty of inlisting Men forthwith, or shall die, that the Committee of War shall appoint another or others in his or their Stead : And all and every of said Officers shall be commissioned by his Honor the Governor, in the same Manner and Form as the former Officers were, and shall use their best Endeavours to enlist as many able-bodied Men as possible, in any Part of the Colony, for the making up their respective Companies, until the Twenty-second Day of this Instant September when they shall make a proper and exact Return of their Inlistments unto the Committee of War : And if it shall happen, that the Companies are not filled up at said Time, the Committee of War shall forthwith cause the Number of Men wanted, to be immediately impressed according to the following Proportion, as near as may be, viz.

The Regiment of the County of *Newport*, Seventy.

The Regiment of the County of *Providence*, Fifty-five.

The Regiment of the County of *Kings-County*, Forty-eight.

The Regiment of the County of *Kent*, Twenty-seven.

Nevertheless, of the Twenty Men already inlisted, sixteen shall be assigned to the County of *Kings County*, and Four to the County of *Kent*, as Part of their Proportions : And when Return is made of the Number of Men necessary to compleat the said Four Companies, the Committee of War, or any Two of them, shall forthwith give Orders to the respective Field-Officers of the Regiments aforesaid, to cause an impress to be made immediately, as near as may be in equal Proportion, according to the Number of Soldiers in the several Trained Bands in their respective Regiments, and this Proportion shall be settled by the Field-Officers in each Regiment, according to the Muster Rolls of the several Companies, which they shall cause to be laid before them, and sworn unto by the Clerks ; and thereupon the principal Field-Officer in each Regiment, shall issue Warrants, directed to the several Captains in his Regiment, requiring them forthwith to cause to be impressed, the Number of able-bodied Men respectively deficient as aforesaid, and requiring all the other Officers and Soldiers in his Regiment, to be aiding and assisting therein. And Officers that shall refuse or omit to perform the Duties hereby enjoined, shall incur the following Forfeitures, to be recovered in Bills of Credit of the Old-Tenor, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within this Colony, viz. every Field-Officer, *Five Hundred Pounds* ; every Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign, *Two Hundred Pounds* ; and every Sergeant and Corporal, *One Hundred Pounds* ; and immediately after the Number

deficient is impressed, Return shall be made unto the Committee of War. And every Man impressed as aforesaid, shall be obliged to attend the King's Service in the said Expedition, upon the Penalty of *One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor*, to be recovered as aforesaid, or shall find a good able-bodied Man to attend the Service in his Stead. And every Man impressed as aforesaid, shall afterwards have Liberty to enlist as a Voluntier : All which Forfeitures and Penalties made and recovered as aforesaid, shall be disposed of to the Colony's Use : And that his Honor the Governor forthwith issue Warrants, requiring the Field-Officers to conform themselves unto this Act.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all enlisting Officers shall upon the Day appointed for making Return of their Enlistments, report the Number of Small Arms wanted, unto the Committee of War, who shall hire or give Orders for impressing them according to their Discretion.

AND be it further Enacted, That in Case there shall be at the Time of marching, any Deficiency in the Number of Soldiers by Sickness, Death, or Desertion, the Committee of War shall cause it to be supplied in Manner aforesaid, according to their Discretion, and shall have Power, if any not duly qualified for the Service are impressed, to grant him or them a Release, and cause another or others to be taken in his or their Stead.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all who have deserted from the Army shall be forgiven, in Case they surrender themselves unto the Committee of War, and again return to their Duty before the Troops by this Act ordered to be raised, shall move forward ; and hereof the Committee of War shall forthwith set up public Advertisements.

AND to the End that there may be a Sufficiency in the General Treasury for raising said Men, paying the Bounties, and defraying other incident Charges, *Be it further Enacted*, That the Sum of *Sixty Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor* be forthwith struck off from the Plates before used in this Expedition, and signed by the Committee that signed the former Bills, and lodged in the Treasurer's Office, to be drawn out by the Committee of War, and used as Occasion may require.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Bills so ^{omitted} ~~enacted~~, shall pursuant to Act of Parliament, be called in and sunk within the Space of Two Years from the Passing this Act, by a Tax to be assessed and levied upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, in the same Manner as the Money last made for the carrying on this Expedition, is to be called in and sunk.

An ACT to prevent Desertion of the Forces raised and to be raised in this Colony, for the Expedition against *Crown-Point*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof It is Enacted, That all Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, Sherives, and their Deputies, all Constables, and other Civil Officers, and all Military Officers, and all other Persons whatever, shall have Power and Authority to apprehend any Person or Persons in the King's Service, that have or shall desert therefrom, and cause him or them to be committed to any of His Majesty's Gaols in this Colony, in order to be sent by some one of the Committee of War unto the Army, if the same can be done ; but if not, such Deserter or Deserters shall be imprisoned until the Return of the Forces, and then be tried and punished for such Desertion, by Martial Law. And all Deserters from the aforesaid Army, that were enlisted in the neighbouring Governments, shall, if found in this Colony, be apprehended in like Manner, and sent to the Governments whereunto they respectively belong.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whoever shall receive or entertain in his, her, or their House, any such Deserter or Deserters, or shall employ him or them to labour, or give or sell him or them any Victuals, or other Sustenance, or shall conceal or neglect to apprehend and deliver him or them to the Authority, if in his, her, or their Power, knowing such Person or Persons to have been guilty of Desertion as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of *Sixty Pounds Old-Tenor* unto and for the Use of this Colony ; to be recovered in any Court of Record, by Bill, Plaint, or Information.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons appearing in a common Character, shall be permitted to travel within this Colony, save in the County where such Traveller or Travellers actually dwell, without a Pass under the Hand of a Justice of the Peace, or some superior Officer in this or the neighbouring Governments.

AND his Honor the Governor is desired to correspond with the Governors of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *Connecticut*, and agree with them upon some Method of procuring constant Intelligence from the Army gone against *Crown-Point*.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, the following Officers were chosen to command the Four Companies now ordered to be raised, as a farther Reinforcement of the Army now gone against *Crown-Point*, under the Command of Maj. Gen. *Johnson*, to wit ;

Daniel Bosworth, Captain ; *Christopher Hargil*, Lieutenant ; and *William Nichols*, Ensign, of the first (which will be the eighth) Company in the Service of this Colony, for the Expedition aforesaid.

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John Potter, jun. Captain; *William Richmond*, jun. Lieutenant; and *James Tew*, jun. Ensign, of the second (which will be the ninth) Company, and is to be raised Part in the County of *Newport*, and Part in the County of *Kent*.

Robert Hopkins, Captain; *Ebenezer Caboone*, Lieutenant; and *Giles Ruffel*, Ensign, of the third (which will be the tenth) Company.

Barzillai Richmond, Captain; *Ebenezer Jenckes*, Lieutenant; and *Nathanael Peck*, Ensign, of the fourth (which will be the eleventh) Company, and is to be raised in the County of *Providence*

And the Gentlemen whose Names immediately follow, were also chosen, to wit;

Benjamin Lawton, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*, in the Room of *Benjamin Bentley*, Esq; who refused.

Thomas Richardson (Son of *Ebenezer*) Ensign of the second Company, or Train'd Band, in the Town of *Newport*, in the Room of *Mr. Bosworth*, chosen Captain as above.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer forthwith raise Five Thousand Pounds of the Colony's Money which he has let to Jeaffry Watson, Esq; and deliver the same unto the Committee appointed to rebuild F O R T G E O R G E, agreeable to the Act of the last Assembly.

Whereas *Joseph Scott*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government for his Time, Expences, and Horsehire, in apprehending *Peleg Barker* of *Tiverton*, searching his House for Counterfeit Bills, and bringing him to *Newport*, in order to an Examination, and for Money disbursed in paying two Men for their Time and Horsehire to aid him in that Matter, and for his Time, Horsehire, and Expences in two Journeys to *Mendon*, to apprehend People that had been concerned in counterfeiting Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony, for Money paid unto Officers, and sundry other Persons, that assisted him therein; for searching after, and finding the Plates, and for his Expences in putting up the Pillory for, and taking of it down, after cutting the Ears of *Joshua Reed*, and treating his Aid, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds Six Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Joseph Scott out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas Capt *Job Bennet*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Time Horsehire, and Expences, when after Persons suspected to have been concerned in counterfeiting the *Crown-Point Sixteen Pound Bills* emitted by this Colony; and in apprehending *Joseph Marroe* and *Joshua Reed*; for Money advanced to sundry Officers who assisted him in that Business, and for Money advanced to have the Pillory put

put up for, and taken down, after cropping *Munroe, Ide, and Win,* and treating his Aid : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Fifty-two Pounds Seven Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Bennet, jun.* out of the General Treasury.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That every Master of a Vessel that may be fir'd at by Fort George, shall pay Five Pounds in Old-Tenor Bills of Credit for every Shot, to be applied unto the Use of the Colony ; and upon Neglect or Refusal to pay the same, shall be subject to a Prosecution from the Captain of the Fort for the Time being, agreeable to the *set Forms* now used in the Courts of Law in this Colony.

Whereas *John Wheaton* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for three Days Service, as Aid to Capt. *Job Bennet, jun.* in Pursuit of sundry Persons for passing counterfeit Bills in *Rehoboth, Swansey, and Dighton,* and taking up *Joseph Munroe* and *Joshua Reed,* and bringing them to *Newport* ; for his Horsehire and sundry Expences in said Businets : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Wheaton* out of the General Treasury.

And whereas the said *John Wheaton* exhibited unto this Assembly, another Account by him charged against the Government, for four Days Service as Aid to *Joseph Scott, Esq;* in a Journey to *Swansey,* to take up the Counterfeit Bills which *Joshua Reed* and *Constant Barney* informed them of, and from thence to *Mendon,* to take up *John King* and *David Thayer,* and bringing them to *Newport,* and for his Horsehire in said Journey : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty Two Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Wheaton* out of the General Treasury.

And whereas the said *John Wheaton* exhibited unto this Assembly, a third Account by him charged against the Government, for four Days Service as Aid to *Joseph Scott, Esq;* in a second Journey to *Swansey;* to take up the Counterfeit Money *Joseph Munroe* informed them of, and thence proceeding to *Mendon* to get the Plates and Press informed of by *John King,* and taking up *Abijah Smith,* and committing him to *Providence Gaol,* and for his Horsehire in said Journey Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty Two Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Wheaton* out of the General Treasury.

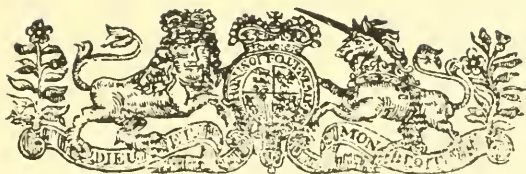
This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be referred unto their next Session: That the Secretary immediately publish the Acts and Orders of this Assembly by Beat of Drum in the Town of Newport, and within Thirty Days after their Rising, send Copies according to Law, unto every Town in the Colony: And that this Assembly be adjourned to the fourth Monday of October next, if called at said Time by either of their Honors the Governor or Deputy Governor; but if not called before nor at said Time, then this Assembly shall be dissolved.

G O D Save the KING.

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Witness Richard Henry*



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, in *New-England*, in A M E R I C A ; begun and held at *South-Kingstown*, on the last Wednesday of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five, and in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;

} *Assst.*

JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;
JOHN CONGDON, Esq;
THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;

} *Assst.*

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several T O W N S.

NEWPORT ;
Capt. Benjamin Wickham,
Thomas Cranston, Esq;
Peter Bours, Esq;
James Sheffield, Esq;
Mr. William Read.
Providence :
Mr. Elisha Brown,

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Mr. Nicholas Brown,
George Brown, Esq;
Daniel Fenckes, Esq;
Portsmouth ;
William Anthony, jun. Esq;
Mr. Jonathan Freeborn.
Warwick ;
Philip Greene, Esq;

Col. <i>Benoni Waterman.</i>		West-Greenwich ;
Mr. <i>John Wulson, jun.</i>		<i>Samuel Hopkins, Esq;</i>
<i>Joseph Edmonds, Esq;</i>		Coventry ;
Westerly ;		Mr. <i>Alexander Dixon,</i>
<i>Benjamin Randal, Esq;</i>		Mr. <i>Aaron Bowen, jun.</i>
Mr. <i>Hezekiah Collins.</i>		Exeter ;
Newshoreham ;		Capt. <i>John Weight,</i>
N O N E.		Mr. <i>Benoni Gardner.</i>
North-Kingstown ;		Middletown ;
Mr. <i>Henry Wall,</i>		N O N E.
<i>Samuel Albro, Esq;</i>		Bristol ;
South-Kingstown ;		N O N E.
<i>John Potter, Esq;</i>		Tiverton ;
<i>Rowland Robinson, Esq;</i>		Mr. <i>Thomas Howland,</i>
East-Greenwich ;		Mr. <i>William Manchester.</i>
<i>William Spencer, Esq;</i>		Little Compton ;
Lieut. Col. <i>Isaac Gardner.</i>		Mr. <i>Moses Palmer.</i>
Jamestown ;		Mr. <i>Richard Brownel.</i>
Mr. <i>Josiah Arnold, jun.</i>		Warren ;
Mr. <i>William Martin.</i>		Capt. <i>Benjamin Barton.</i>
Smithfield ;		Cumberland ;
<i>Thomas Owens, Esq;</i>		<i>Job Bartlet, Esq;</i>
Scituate ;		<i>Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;</i>
<i>Job Randal, Esq;</i>		Richmond ;
<i>Gideon Harris, Esq;</i>		Maj. <i>Richard Bailey,</i>
Glocester ;		Mr. <i>John Test.</i>
N O N E.		Cranston ;
Charlestown ;		<i>Joseph Harris. Esq;</i>
Mr. <i>James Congdon, jun.</i>		Mr. <i>Christopher Lippitt.</i>
<i>Nathanael Sheffield, Esq;</i>		

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker : And
 JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Committee who audited the Accounts of the Directors of Joseph Fox's Lottery, be, and they are hereby appointed to audit Col. John Gardner's Accounts respecting said Lottery ; and upon his paying what shall appear to be due from him, that the Action brought against said Directors be withdrawn : And if the said Col. Gardner's Accounts be not examin'd before said Action shall be brought to a Trial, that the same be continued unto the Interior Court of Common Pleas, to be held at Newport, within and for the County of Newport, on the last Tuesday of May next.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That two Commissioners be appointed on the
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Part of this Colony, to meet Commissioners of the other Governments at *New-York*, in order to consider the State and Circumstances of said Governments, with Regard to the Incroachments of the *French, &c.* and that an Act be drawn up accordingly.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That his Honor the Governor, and the Attorney General, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to prepare a Bill for appointing Commissioners on the Part of this Colony, to meet Commissioners of the other Governments, to consider the State of said Governments, in Respect to the Incroachments of the *French, &c.* and present the same to this Assembly as soon as possible.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Nicholas Cook, Philip Greene, and George Brown, Esqrs.* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit *Daniel Jenckes, Esq;* and *Mr. Elisha Brown,* their Accounts of the Charges of finishing the new Gaol in *Providence* : And that the said Committee give an Order upon the General Treasurer, for such Part of the Money that shall appear to be due to said *Jenckes* and *Brown,* as said Committee shall think proper and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Obadiah Brown, James Sheffield, and Joseph Ruffel, Esqrs.* together with *Mr. Joseph Lippitt,* who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of War, be, and they are hereby further continued a Committee for that Purpose ; and that any two of them be, and are hereby authorized and fully empowered to audit the Accounts of his Honor the Governor and *Daniel Jenckes, Esq;* and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Benjamin Tucker, John Boutin, Sampson Hendrick, John Munro, David Commings, and Joshua Phillips,* Prisoners confined for Debt in His Majesty's Gaol at *Newport,* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That whereas the Bill, laid before the General Assembly held at *Newport,* on Monday the Eleventh of *August* last, for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, was not passed into an Act : That their long and tedious Confinement has rendered them altogether unable to support their Families any longer : That without the Benevolence of such as pleased to extend their Charity, the Families of the Petitioners must unavoidably perish for want of the meer Necessaries of Life : That they themselves cannot but expect to share an equal Fate with them, as the Law provides no more than *Thirty Shillings per Week* for the Subsistence of an Insolvent Debtor, which when obtained, is of very little Service to them, as it is not in their Power to apply the same, as it may suit their Conveniencies, by Reason the Money is paid
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to the Gaol Keeper, &c. And thereupon prayed, That such an Allowance as may be thought reasonable for the Subsistence of an imprisoned insolvent Debtor, may be paid weekly by the Creditor : And that where such Creditor lives out of the Government, his Attorney may be obliged to pay the same unto the Debtor.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That every Creditor who will keep his Insolvent Debtor confined within a Gaol, shall be obliged to pay him *Forty-five Shillings per Week*.

Whereas Major *Ebenezer Brenton*, and many Others, Inhabitants of *South-Kingstown*, and Parts adjacent, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Fishery in *Point-Judith* Pond, so called, which is of vast Importance, not only to the Inhabitants of the Town aforesaid, and others in the Vicinity thereof, but also to the Town of *Newport*, and all the Western Part of this Colony, is like to be utterly destroyed, without a suitable Provision, to prevent People from fishing with *Seans* in the Breach and Channel of said Pond, at all Seasons ; by which the Course of the Fish is daily obstructed, and if not speedily prevented, will be totally turned some other Way, to the great Damage, not only of said Town, but of the greater Part of this Colony : That altho' there is a Law in that Case made and provided, well adapted to remedy the Inconvenience aforesaid, save that the Fine is not proportionate to the Damage that is daily sustained by the Breach thereof ; for that *Forty Shillings*, the Fine now stated, will never prevent the Drawing a *Sean*, where the Drawers are morally assured to gain a sufficient Profit over and above said Fine, even if it should be levied upon them : And thereupon the Petitioners prayed, That the Fine in the Act above-mentioned, may be augmented to *Fifty Pounds*.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Fine in the Act made and passed by the General Assembly at their Session in *Newport*, on the second Monday in *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-six, be, and is hereby augmented to *Fifty Pounds*, that is to say, where it relates the Fishery of the Pond aforesaid.

Whereas *Job Randal*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for Money by him paid unto *James Franklin*, for printing the Tickets of that Lottery which was granted by the General Assembly, to finish the Court-House in the County of *Kent* ; and for sundry Expences by him paid for Work done, &c. upon the Bridge standing in *Sertuate*, on *Plainfield Road* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it*

is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Randal* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Jeremiah Whipple*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Ten Pounds by him charged against the Government, for Horse-hire and Expences, in taking and carrying *Abijah Smith* to *Providence*; for Money paid *Benjamin Brown*, who went after said *Smith*; for going and searching *Solomon Smith's* House for counterfeit Dollars; and for examining and committing *Sarah Staples* to *Providence* Gaol: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That said Account, and every Article of it be, and is hereby allowed, except one Article that relates to *Sarah Staples*, amounting to Twenty Shillings, and that Nine Pounds, the remaining Sum, be paid the said *Jeremiah Whipple* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Nathan Jenckes*, a Deputy Sheriff in the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings, by him charged against the Government, for removing *John King* and *David Thayer* from His Majesty's Gaol in *Newport* to that in *Providence*, by Virtue of an *Habeas Corpus* from the Clerk of *Providence* Superior Court: for the Time, Horse-hire, and Expences of himself and his Aid, in performing that Service; for the Time, Horse-hire, and Expences of himself and his Aid, in Pursuit of *John King* as far as *Wansoket Falls*; for the Time, Horse-hire, and Expences of himself and his Aid, in seeking and finding *David Brown* of *Scituate*, and for his attending the Superior Court, and Prisoners, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That One Hundred and Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings, of said Account be, and is hereby allowed; and that the same be paid the said *Nathan Jenckes* out of the General Treasury,

Whereas *Noah Mason* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Thirty-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings charged against the Government, for his Attendance thirteen Days upon a Court of Justices, at the Examination of *John Fisk*, *Samuel Bartlet*, *Solomon Finney*, *Moses Wolcott*, *Ephraim Whipple*, *Elias Smith*, and sundry others; for going after *David Thayer's* Wife, and *Simon Thayer*, and searching for counterfeit Money, with the Aid of four Men; for his and their Horse-hire and Expences; and for his attending, by Order of the Sheriff, when *Samuel Bartlet* and others receiv'd their Punishment: Which Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That Thirty Pounds Twelve Shillings thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Noah Mason* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *David Dexter* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for his Time, Expences, and

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Horse-hire, in taking *Abijah Smith*; for carrying *Solomon Finney* and his Wife to *Providence Gaol*; and for apprehending *Enoch Streeter*, and committing him to said Gaol: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Ten Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *David Dexter* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Acts and Orders made and pass'd by the General Assembly, at their Sessions in *August* and *September* last, and for Paper by them furnished for said Service: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Fifty-eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Nathaniel Helme* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for repairing the Glass Windows of the Court-House in the County of *Kings County*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nathaniel Helme* out of the General Treasury.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That *David Wilkinson*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, be, and is hereby directed and fully empowered to sell and dispose of the whole Estate of *Samuel Bartlet*, Esq; lately forfeited, to the best Advantage, unto and for the Colony's Use; the personal as soon as it can be conveniently, and the real before or on the last Day of *March* next, giving a good Deed or Deeds unto the Buyer or Buyers: That one Half of the Purchase Money be paid down; and that the said Sheriff take good Security for the Remainder, by a Bond or Obligation to be made unto the General Treasurer, payable in six Months; and before Sale, put up Notifications, setting forth the Circumstances of said real Estate.

AND be it farther Enacted, That the Sheriff aforesaid be, and he is hereby authorized, and fully empowered to make strict Enquiry to discover all and every Part of the said *Samuel Bartlet's* Estate, both real and personal, that has been secreted or concealed; and to that End, administer an Oath or Oaths to all and every suspected Person and Persons, in order to such a Discovery

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Committee of War be, and hereby is farther continued and vested with all and singular the Power and Authority that hath at any Time heretofore been granted them.

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An A C T appointing and empowering Commissioners in Behalf of this Colony, to meet with his Excellency Maj. General *Shirley*, Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in *North-America*, and the Commissioners that may be appointed by the other Northern Colonies.

WHEREAS the numerous Encroachments made by the French on the undoubted Dominions of his Britannic Majesty, our most gracious Sovereign, in North-America, hath necessitated the Colonies to rise in their own Defence, and endeavour to remove such dangerous Neighbours to a greater Distance. And as the disunited State of the English Colonies, is such, as renders it impracticable for them to exert their natural Strength against their common Enemy, in any other Manner than that of a general Meeting by Representatives, to consult and provide Means for their common Defence and Safety. Wherefore, and to contribute towards so salutary a Measure, as far as the Abilities of this Colony will admit,

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That his Honor the Governor, and Daniel Updike, Esq; be, and they are hereby chosen and appointed Commissioners for and in Behalf of this Colony, with full Power and Authority to appear and represent the same at any Meeting of the Commissioners of the other British Northern Colonies, with his Excellency above-named; and with them to concert proper Measures for quartering, subsisting, furloughing, or discharging the provincial Troops now in the Field; to concert proper Measures that the Campaign may be rendered successful this Year, or in the next Spring; to contrive and establish proper Ways and Means for supplying the present, or any future provincial Armies, with Provisions and other Necessaries; to agree upon, and settle the Proportion and Quota of this and the other Colonies concerned in the present Expedition against *Crown-Point*, for and towards the said Expedition; and to agree upon a joint Application unto His Majesty, for the obtaining such Assistance to His Colonies, as may enable them to repel their common Enemy, and put in Execution such Measures as will effectually establish the Peace and Tranquility of His Majesty's good Subjects in *North-America*. And in Case no such general Convention of the Representatives of the Governments in *North-America*, shall be had, that the Commissioners above-named shall have, and hereby is granted them equal Authority to meet and act at any Convention of the Governments, immediately concerned in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*, that shall be agreed upon, and that as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as are herein before expressed. And his Honor the Governor is requested to cause the needful Commissions to be made out, and to transmit a Copy of this Act to all the Governments in *North-America*.*

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston. Peter Bours, and James Sheffield, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee. to burn the
Money

Money that was collected upon the last Rate levied in this Colony, and is now in the Hands of *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Daniel Jenckes, Esq; and Mr. Elisha Brown, be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee, to procure a Well to be dug to and for the Use of the new Gaol in the County of Providence.

An ACT for laying a Tax of Seventy Thousand Pounds upon the Inhabitants of this Colony.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That Seventy Thousand Pounds Old Tenor be raised by a Tax, to be forthwith assessed and levied. agreeable to Law. on the Estates and Poles of the Inhabitants of this Colony, in the following Proportion, to wit :

<i>NEWPORT,</i>	£. 14000	<i>Westerly,</i>	£. 4730
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	3216	<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	3105
<i>Newshorham,</i>	1600	<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	5200
<i>Jamestown,</i>	1600	<i>Charlestown.</i>	1700
<i>Middletown,</i>	2150	<i>Exeter,</i>	1475
<i>Tiverton,</i>	2200	<i>Richmond,</i>	1003
<i>Little-Compton</i>	2051		
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	£. 26817		£. 17213
<i>Providence,</i>	£. 4900	<i>Bristol,</i>	£. 1827
<i>Smithfield,</i>	3750	<i>Warren,</i>	1610
<i>Scituate,</i>	1033		
<i>Gloster,</i>	1680 10		<hr/>
<i>Cumberland,</i>	1080		£. 3437
<i>Cranston,</i>	2500	<i>Warwick,</i>	3213
	<hr/>	<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	1800
	£. 15543 10	<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	1069 10
		<i>Coventry,</i>	907
			<hr/>
			£. 6989 10

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Forty Thousand Pounds of said Sum, be appropriated towards sinking the Colony's outstanding Bills of Credit, made and emitted to supply the General Treasury, for defraying the Charge of the present Expedition; and the remaining Thirty Thousand Pounds towards sinking the outstanding Bills of Credit made and emitted to supply the Treasury, for defraying the Charge of former Expeditions.

AND it is farther Enacted, That the Assessors or Ratemakers, upon their assessing or apportioning the aforesaid Tax, return a true Bill or List thereof to the Town Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within fifty Days after this Assembly rises; and that said Town Clerk send a Copy thereof to the General Treasurer

fuſer in ten Days ; who, upon Receipt thereof, ſhall iſſue forth his Warrants in ten Days, to the ſeveral Collectors of Rates of the reſpective Towns, commanding them in His Maſteſty's Name, to collect the ſeveral Sums to them reſpectively committed, in Bills of public Credit of this Colony within five Months after the Riſing of this Aſſembly ; and to pay the ſame to him, or his Succeſſors in ſaid Office. to be burnt, and diſcharge Part of the Colony's Debts as above-mentioned.

A N D it is farther Enacted, That each reſpective Town ſhall pay all the Charges and Fees that ſhall ariſe in aſſeſſing and collecting its Part of the aforeſaid Tax.

A N D that the Secretary ſend a Copy of this Act in Print, to every Town Clerk in the Colony, within twenty Days after the Riſing of this Aſſembly, to be by them immediately delivered to the Aſſeſſors of each reſpective Town.

WHereas Jonathan Ormsby, a Deputy Sheriff in the County of Providence, exhibited unto this Aſſembly, an Account by him charged againſt the Government, for his Time, Expences, and Horſe-hire, after ſeveral Perſons, for counterfeiting Bills of Credit, emitted by this Colony, and committing ſundry of them to His Maſteſty's Gaol in the County aforeſaid : Which being duly examined, *This Aſſembly do Vote and Reſolve; and it is Voted and Reſolved;* That the ſaid Account be, and the ſame is hereby allowed ; and that Forty-two Pounds Nineteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the ſaid Jonathan Ormsby out of the General Treſury.

An **A C T** in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made and paſſ'd by the General Aſſembly at their Seſſion in Newport, on the third Monday of June, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty-three, intituled, *An Act for preventing the Counterfeiting of the Bills of public Credit emitted, or that ſhall be hereafter emitted by any of the Governments in New-England, and to prevent deſacing the ſame, &c.*

WHEREAS it is ordained, in and by the Act above-mentioned, That all Perſons who are convicted of counterfeiting any of the Bills of public Credit, ſhall forfeit all their Eſtates, both real and perſonal, to and for the Uſe of the Colony ; but it often happens, that Perſons apparently guilty of the ſaid Crime, make their Eſcape, and fly from Juſtice, which prevents their Conviction, and thereby the Forfeiture of their Eſtates is avoided, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of ſaid Act.

For the Remedying whercof for the future,

BE it Enacted by this General Aſſembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That when and as often as Proceſs is iſſued by lawful Authority againſt any Perſon or Perſons for making or
O paſſing

passing counterfeit Bills, and such Person or Persons shall conceal him, or herself, or themselves, or keep out of the Way, so that he, she, or they, cannot be apprehended, that in every such Case, the Sheriff of the County in which such accused Person or Persons dwell, shall immediately seize and take into Custody, all the Estate both real and personal, of such Person or Persons, and put up at the usual dwelling Place of him, her, or them and in two other public Places of the same Town, Notifications, requiring the said accused Person or Persons to come in and surrender him, or herself, or themselves, to Justice; and if such Person or Persons do not, within three Months after such Notifications are put up, come and render him, or herself, or themselves, into the Custody of the Sheriff, he, she, or they, shall forfeit his, her, or their Estate, both real and personal, to be proceeded with, as by the aforesaid Act is directed, in the Case of Persons convicted.

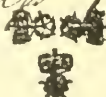
This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session; and that the Secretary publish in the Town of Newport, by beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and passed, within ten Days, and send Copies of the same, according to Law, unto every Town in the Colony, within thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which is hereby adjourned unto the last Monday of February next.

G O D Save the KING.

*Published in Newport, November the 6th Day, 1755, according
to Order, by*

THO. WARD, Secretary.

*A true Copy duly examined
Witness Tho Ward Secy*





At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations* in *New-England*, in AMERICA; begun in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Deputy Governor, and held at *South-Kingstown* upon the Twenty-second Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five, and in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and to forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;	} Assist.	JEREMIAH LIPPITT, Esq;	} Assist.
ORADIAH BROWN, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker:

NEWPORT:	}} }	Capt. Job Bennet, jun.
Capt. Benjamin Wickham,		James Sheffield, Esq;
The Speaker,		Mr. William Read.
Peter Bours, Esq;		

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Providence ;

Providence ;
Mr. Elisba Brown,
Mr. Nicholas Brown,
George Brown, Esq;
Daniel Fenckes. Esq;
 Portsmouth ;
William Anthony, jun. Esq;
 Warwick ;
Pbllip Greene, Esq;
Col. Benoni Waterman,
Joseph Edmunds, Esq;
 Westerly ;
Benjamin Randal, Esq;
 Newshorcham ;
 None.
 North-Kingstown ;
Mr Henry Wall,
Samuel Albro, Esq;
 South-Kingstown ;
John Potter, Esq;
Rowland Robinson, Esq;
 East-Greenwich ;
William Spencer, Esq;
Lieut. Col. Isaac Gardner.
 Jamestown ;
Mr. Josiab Arnold, jun.
Mr. William Martin.
 Smithfield ;
Mr. Jonathan Arnold,
Thomas Owens, Esq;
 Scituate ;
Job Randal, Esq;
Gideon Harris, Esq;

Glocester ;
Capt. John Smith.
 Charleltown ;
Mr. James Congdon, jun.
Nathaniel Sheffield, Esq;
 West-Greenwich ;
Samael Hopkins, Esq;
 Coventry ;
Mr. Alexander Dixson,
Mr. Aaron Bowen, jun.
 Exeter ;
Capt John Weight,
Mr. Benoni Gardner.
 Middletown ;
Capt. William Turner.
 Bristol ;
Joseph Ruffel, Esq;
 Tiverton ;
Mr. William Manchester.
 Little-Compton ;
Mr. Moses Palmer,
Mr. Richard Brownel.
 Warren ;
Capt. Benjamin Barton.
 Cumberland ;
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
 Richmond ;
Maj. Richard Bailey,
Mr. John Test.
 Cranston ;
Joseph Harris, Esq;
Mr. Christopher Lippist.

Josias Lynden, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve. and it is Voted and Resolved,
 That his Honor the Governor, *Capt. Benjamin Wickbam,* and
Daniel Fenckes, Esq; *Col. Benoni Waterman,* and the Attorney
 General be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to
 take into Consideration the Matters and Things contained in the
 Letter sent this Colony by the Lords Commissioners for Trade
 and Plantations, and prepare an Answer unto the same, and pre-
 sent it unto this Assembly as soon as they can.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,
 That One Hundred of the best Men be selected, with suitable
 Officers, out of the Troops of this Colony, returned and return-
 ing from the Expedition against *Crown-Point* ; that the Remain-
 der be forthwith discharged ; and that his Honor the Governor,
 Capt.

Capt. *Benjamin Wickham*, *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; and Col. *Benons Waterman*, and the Attorney General be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for that Purpose, and present the same unto this Assembly as soon as may be.

And it is farther Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War be, and they are hereby authorized and fully impowered to draw as much Money out of the Office of the Grand Committee, as may be necessary to pay off all the Soldiers, and cloath such of them as shall be selected as abovesaid; that the said Committee of War order and direct as much Money, as will be necessary to replace the Bills so taken out of the Office aforesaid, to be struck off as soon as possible; and that said Bills, when struck off, be signed by the Committee that signed the last Bills.

And it is farther Voted and Resolved, That all and every of the said hundred Soldiers to be selected as aforesaid, shall be clothed and apparelled suitable for the Winter Season.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders made and past at their last Session, furnishing Paper for that Service, and for printing Copies of the Vote for levying a Tax upon the Inhabitants of this Colony: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirty Pounds Five Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas his Honor the Governor, and the other Gentlemen that were appointed a Committee to take into Consideration the Matters and Things contained in the Letter from the Lords of Trade and Plantations, have prepared an Answer to said Letter, and presented it unto this Assembly: Which being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Draught be, and the same is hereby accepted, and his Honor the Governor is requested to fill up the Blanks in it; and when that is done, to sign and send two Copies thereof to Great-Britain, with two Profiles of the Fort, two Plans of the Harbour of *Newport*, and two Copies of the List that contains the Number of Inhabitants, Small Arms, &c. in this Colony, with Letters to the Agent, by the two first Opportunities.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Peter Bours*, Esq; and Capt. *Peter Harrison* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Plan of the Harbour of *Newport*, and a Profile of Fort *George*; that Mr. *Bours* send the same unto his Honor the Governor as soon as possible, together with the Returns of the Number of the Inhabitants, Small Arms, &c. that shall be sent into the Secretary's Office; and

and that they the said *Peter Boars* and *Peter Harrison* put Marks upon such Places of the said Plan, as they may think necessary to be fortified.

Whereas the Committee that was appointed to examin the Accounts of the Gentlemen that were appointed to build a new Gaol in the Town of *Providence*, having performed that Service, presented the Assembly with what followeth.

1755. Dr. *Colony of Rhode-Island's Account with Elisba Brown, one of the Committee for building the new Gaol at Providence.*

Dec. 2. **T**O the Foot of my Account given in,
and examin'd *per Audit*, - £. 708 18 0
Creditor.

1755. **B**Y half of the old Gaol sold at Vendue
Dec. 2. to *Jonathan Olney*, for £. 840 is - £. 420 0 0
Ballance now due to Mr. *Elisba Brown*,
exclusive of Commissions, - £. 288 18 0

Providence, Dec. 2. 1755, £. 708 18 0

WE the Subscribers have examined the Accounts and Vouchers of the above Account, and find the Ballance to stand according as above stated, exclusive of Commissions.

*Nicholas Cooke,
Philip Greene.*

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby accepted, and that One Hundred and Forty-nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and One Penny, be allowed and paid the aforesaid *Elisba Brown* out of the General Treasury (beside the above Ballance) it being *Five per Cent.* Commissions on this and his other Account heretofore settled.

And whereas the Committee that audited the foregoing Account of Mr. *Elisba Brown*, have also audited the Account of *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; the other of the Committee that was appointed to build the aforesaid new Gaol, and presented this Assembly with what followeth.

1755. Dr. *Colony of Rhode-Island's Account with Daniel Jenckes, one of the Committee for finishing the new Gaol at Providence,*

Dec. 2. **T**O the Foot of my Account given in,
and examined *per Audit*, - £. 2730 3 11

Creditor.

Creditor.

1755. BY Cash receiv'd of <i>Thomas Richardson</i> , Aug. 18. General Treasurer at <i>Newport</i> , as per Receipt, - - -	£. 57 0 0
By the one Half of the neat Proceeds of the old Gaol, - - -	420 0 0
Dec. 2. Ballance now due to <i>Daniel Jenckes</i> , exclu- sive of his Commissions, is -	2253 3 11
<i>Providence, Dec. 2. 1755.</i>	£. 2730 3 11

WE the Subscribers have examined the above Accounts and Vouchers, and find the Ballance to stand according as above stated, exclusive of Commissions. Witness our Hands.

*Nicholas Cooke,
Philip Greene.*

And now this Assembly having taken said Report into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby accepted, and that Eighty-five Pounds Three Shillings and Four Pence be allowed and paid the above-named *Daniel Jenckes* out of the General Treasury (besides the above Ballance) it being *Five per Cent.* Commissions.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Harris, Esq; Mr. Thomas Steere, and Col. ~~Benjamin~~ Waterman* be, and they ^{or the major part of them} are hereby appointed a Committee, to run the dividing Line between the Towns of *Scituate* and *Glocester*, and make Report unto the General Assembly, at the Charge of said Towns.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Masters of all those Apprentices and Servants that inlisted into the Service of this Colony, in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*, shall have and receive all the Wages that shall be due at the Time of their being discharged, for the Pay of said Servants and Apprentices, after a Deduction is made for Cloaths and other Things by them received.

An ACT for retaining One Hundred and Eighty-five of the Troops raised, and now in the Service of this Colony; for subsisting, cloathing, and paying them, whilst in His Majesty's Service, and for disbanding and paying off the Remainder.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That Seventy-two of the Forces raised in this Colony, for the late Expedition against *Crown-Point*, be retained in His Majesty's Service, at the Charge of the Colony, until His Majesty's Pleasure be known, for garrisoning the two

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Forts

Forts lately built on the Frontiers of the Colony of *New-York*, and called *Fort Edward*, and *Fort William-Henry*.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That One Hundred Men, exclusive of Officers, be selected out of the aforesaid Troops, such as are fittest for Service, and are most willing, be retained and continued in the Service of this Colony, until the General Assembly shall order otherwise : And in Case the Reduction of any of the Incroachments made by the *French* at or near *Lake Iroquois*, commonly called *Lake Champlain*, be attempted during the ensuing Winter, the Committee of War shall have Power to cloath such Men, fit in all Respects for a Winter Campaign, and shall advance one Month's Pay, and shall order them to such Place for Service as they shall think proper, and shall appoint proper Officers for conducting the said One Hundred Men, formed into one Company out of the Officers in the late Expedition, and shall also cloath said Officers in a proper Manner, and advance one Month's Pay unto them.

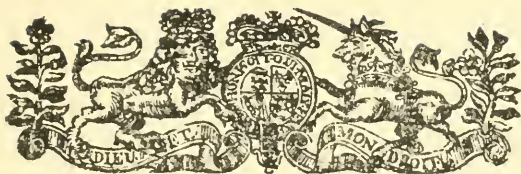
AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Remainder of said Forces be discharged at or before the last Day of this Instant *December*. And said Committee of War shall immediately, upon the Discharge of said Soldiers, pay them their Wages, and also those that shall be retained as aforesaid ; and in order thereto, and for defraying the other necessary Expences of said Expedition, shall cause the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds, in Bills of public Credit Old-Tenor, to be struck off from the large Plates last used, and to be signed by the Committee that signed the last Bills, and lodged in the General Treasury, to be drawn out as said Committee of War may have Occasion.

AND be it farther Enacted, That the said Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds shall be sunk, one Half in one Year, and the other Half in two Years after the same shall be emitted, by public Taxes to be assessed and levied upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, in the same Manner as the former Bills emitted for carrying on the Expedition aforesaid, are ordered to be sunk.

AND be it farther Enacted, That the Committee of War be, and are hereby impowered to divulge this Secret to such of the Officers as they shall think proper, first giving them an Oath of Secrecy.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session, which is hereby appointed to be on the last Monday of *February* next.

G O D Save the KING.



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations* in *New-England*, in AMERICA; begun and held by Adjournment at *South-Kingstown*, upon the last Monday in *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} Ass ^{ts} .	ROBERT LAWSON, Esq;	} Ass ^{ts} .
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;		THOMAS HAZARD, Esq;	

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	} {	Providence;
Capt. Benjamin Wickham,		Mr. Eliza Brown,
The Speaker,		Mr. Nicholas Brown,
Peter Bours, Esq;		George Brown, Esq;
Capt. Job Bennet, jun.		Daniel Jenckes, Esq;
James Sheffield, Esq;	} {	Portsmouth;
Mr. William Read.		William Anthony, jun. Esq;
		Mr.

Mr. Jonathan Freeborn,		Richard Steere, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Brownel,		Charlestown ;
William Earl, Esq;		Mr. James Congdon, jun.
Warwick ;		Nathaniel Sheffield, Esq;
Philip Greene, Esq;		Wett-Greenwich ;
Col. Benoni Waterman,		Samuel Hopkins, Esq;
Mr. John Walton, jun.		Coventry ;
Joseph Edmunds, Esq;		Mr. Aaron Bowen, jun.
Westerly ;		Exeter ;
Benjamin Randal, Esq;		Capt. John Weight,
Mr. Hezekiah Collins.		Mr. Benoni Gardner.
Newshorcham ;		Middletown ;
None.		Capt. William Turner.
North-Kingstown ;		Bristol ;
Mr. Henry Wall,		Joseph Russel, Esq;
Samuel Albro, Esq;		Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;
South-Kingstown ;		Tiverton ;
John Potter, Esq;		Mr. William Manchester.
Rowland Robinson, Esq;		Little-Compton ;
East-Greenwich ;		Mr. Moses Palmer,
William Spencer, Esq;		Mr. Richard Brownel.
Lieut. Col. Isaac Gardner.		Warren ;
Jameltown ;		Capt. Benjamin Barton.
Mr. Josiah Arnold, jun.		Cumberland ;
Mr. William Martin.		Job Bartlet, Esq;
Smithfield ;		Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
Mr. Jonathan Arnold,		Richmond ;
Thomas Owens, Esq;		Maj. Richard Bailey,
Scituate ;		Mr. John Test
Job Randal, Esq;		Cranston ;
Gideon Harris, Esq;		Joseph Harris, Esq;
Glocester ;		Mr. Christopher Lippitt.
Capt John Smith.		
Josias Lyndon, Esq;		Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS the Gentlemen that were appointed to audit the Accounts of his Honor the Governor, as one of the Committee of War, presented this Assembly with the following Report.

Dr. *The Colony of Rhode Island to Stephen Hopkins.*

TO sundry Articles as contained and charged in the Paper marked No 1. settled and

Vouchers produced,	-	-	-	£. 11599 18 7
To Ditto in the Paper marked No 2.	-	-	-	15033 17 8
To Ditto in the Paper marked No 3.	-	-	-	2051 9 7
To Ditto in the Paper marked No 4.	-	-	-	2040 10 2
To Ditto in the Paper marked No 5.	-	-	-	11279 17 2

£. 42005 13 2
Creditor.

Creditor.

BY Cash receiv'd from the General Treasurer, by
the Hand of *Daniel Jenckes, Esq;* £ 1000 0 0
By Cash receiv'd from the General Treasurer, for
which I gave my own Receipts. 42109 0 0
£. 44209 0 0

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly to examin and adjust the Accounts of *Stephen Hopkins Esq;* as he is one of the Committee of War for the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, have accordingly done the same, he having produced proper Vouchers for the above Sum of Forty-two Thousand and Five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Two Pence, having charged nothing for Commissions : We therefore find, he ought to be credited for that Sum in his Accounts with the Colony. And as to what Sums he hath receiv'd of the Colony's Treasurer, we have no Knowledge. Witness our Hands at *Providence*, the twentieth Day of *February*, 1756.

O. Brown,
Jos. Lippitt.

N. B. I have now lying by me, of the Money
last received from the Treasury, - - £. 1743 6 0

And this Assembly having duly considered the said Report, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted,

Whereas the Gentlemen that were appointed to audit the Accounts of *Daniel Jenckes, Esq;* one of the Committee of War, presented this Assembly with the following Report :

1756. Dr.--*The Colony of Rhode-Island to Daniel Jenckes,*
one of the Committee of War.

TO the Foot of my Account from *August* 15.
1755, to *February* 20. 1756, examined £. 26010 16 8
Creditor.

56. **BY** Cash receiv'd of the General Treasurer, as
per my Receipt at sundry Times since the
11th of *August*, 1755. £.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, to examin and adjust the Account of *Daniel Jenckes, Esq;* as he is one of the Committee of War for the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, have accordingly done the same, he having produced proper Vouchers for the above Sum of Twenty-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence, since the 11th of *August*, 1755 ; having charged nothing
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for Commissions : We therefore find he ought to be credited for that Sum, in his Accounts with the Colony. And as to what Sums he hath receiv'd of the Colony's Treasurer, we have no Knowledge. Witness our Hands at *Providence*, the 20th Day of February, 1756.

O. Brown,
Jof. Lippitt.

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby accepted.

Whereas the Gentlemen that were appointed by the Lower House, at the last Session of this Assembly, to audit all Accounts at that Time lying before them, have performed said Service, and made the following Report :

IN Compliance with the Direction of the Hon. General Assembly, we the Subscribers, have examined the Accounts exhibited by the following Persons, and find due to them, the Sums annexed to their several Names. As Witness our Hands in *Newport*, Feb. 14. 1756.

His Honor the Governor, and Mr. Martin

Howard, jun.	-	£. 284	6	4
Capt. Job Bennet,	-	21	5	0
Lieutenant-Colonel Jervas Lynden,	-	22	10	0
Capt. Job Bennet, jun.	-	10	0	0
Beriah Brown, Esq,	-	12	0	0
Messrs. Weeden and Bennet,	-	146	10	0
Capt. Job Bennet, jun.	-	15	0	0
Mr. William Pelsue,	-	13	4	0
Mr. Jabez Champlin,	-	257	3	6
Mr. Philip Whitaker,	-	13	6	8
The Executors of Mr. Deane,	-	6	13	4
Mr. Philip Whitaker,	-	23	0	0
Mr. John Wheaton,	-	29	19	6
Mr. John Wheaton,	-	55	9	0
Mr. John Wheaton,	-	90	6	6

Colony, Dr—

To our Trouble, - - - £. 900

Thomas Cranston, }
Peter Bours, } *Com Lee*
William Read, }

And this Assembly having taken said Report into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted, and that each of the Persons therein named, be paid out of the General Treasury, the Sum set against their several Names, and
the said Com^{rs} are paid for their Trouble The

The Gentlemen that were appointed to receive of *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, the Money in his Hands, collected by a Rate assessed and levied upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, in Consequence of an Act of the General Assembly, made and past at their Session held in *Providence*, on the last Wednesday of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four, having performed that Service, presented this Assembly with the following Report.

Newport, February 13. 1756.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to receive of *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; the Colony's Rate, that was ordered by Act of Government, *October* 1754, do Report, That we have receiv'd of said *Nichols*, Twenty-five Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor; of which, we have burnt Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds, and the other Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Pounds, we have put into the Colony's Chest, which hath three Locks and Keys, which Keys we have in Possession; said Money being new, made in the Year 1750.

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John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston,
Peter Bours,
James Sheffield, } Committee.

And this Assembly having duly examined and considered the aforesaid Report, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted, and that the Committee aforesaid burn the remaining Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Pounds above-mentioned.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Gentlemen who were appointed to audit the Accounts of the Committee of War, be, and are hereby farther continued a Committee for that Purpose; and that they, or any two of them, audit all such Accounts as have not yet been audited.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the General Treasurer divide *John Cogswell's* Fine amongst those Persons that have lodged, or shall lodge in the General Treasury, by the tenth Day of *March* next, the counterselt Sixteen Pound Bills that said *Cogswell* was concerned in making or passing, in Proportion to the Number each respective Person hath lodged already, or shall by said Time lodge in the Treasurer's Hands, he first deducting *Five per Cent.* for his Trouble; and that said Sixteen Pound Bills be burnt by the Committee appointed to audit the General Treasurer's Accounts.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Sixty-eight Pounds One Shilling and Four Pence, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury unto *John Dexter* of *Cumberland*, Esq; it being Commissions at *Five per Cent.* upon his Account

Account against the Government, for building the new Gaol in Providence.

And whereas the aforesaid *John Dexter* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony for his Time, Horsehire, and Expences, in Pursuit of several Persons, and for searching after counterfeit Dollars, and Bills of Credit : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Dexter* out of the General Treasury.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Towns of this Colony pay the Officers the Charges of numb'ring the Inhabitants, &c. of each respective Town ; and that the several Accounts be laid before the next Town Meeting.

Whereas Messrs. *John Rogers, Wing Spooner, Stephen Hockey, Herbert Nichols, Jonathan Heath, Daniel Dunham, Thomas Melvil, Israel Chapman, Joseph Gladding, James Tew, James Rogers, Peleg Carey, John Stevens, John Simpson, jun. Samuel Phillips, Thomas Rogers, Richard Whiteborne, John Pitman, James Tanner, Samuel Nichols, Caleb Peckham, Christopher Lindsay, John Hockey, Joseph Weeden, John Clarke, Elisha Shearman, Oliver Beere, Joseph Sheffield, John Lawton, and David Newton*, Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That they have, in Time past, had the Honor to be commissioned Officers in and over some of the Companies, or trained Band, of said Town : That notwithstanding they are legally discharged from bearing Arms, as Soldiers in the Militia, they are desirous to be useful unto their Country : And thereupon prayed for an Act of this Assembly, to incorporate and make them, and such as they shall hereafter receive into their Number, an *Independent Company*, with a Charter, and all and every the Liberties, Privileges, and Immunities, that the Artillery Companies in this Colony, have and enjoy.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prayer of the said Petitioners be, and the same is hereby granted, provided that no Person shall be enlisted into said Company, that is by Law obliged to train in either of the other Companies ; and that they, in Time of an Alarm, be under the Direction of the Field Officers of the County of *Newport*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Jenckes, Esq; and Mr. Elisha Brown* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for the Preservation of Oysters in this Colony.

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Whereas Messrs. *Benjamin Randal* and *Benjamin Barber*, *John Weight*, *Benoni Hall*, and *Thomas Clarke*, were appointed by the Towns of *Westerly* and *Exeter*, to run their dividing Line, and having performed that Service, made Report as followeth.

“ WHEREAS we the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the Towns of *Westerly* and *Exeter*, in order to run and settle the Line between said Towns, have taken upon us that Affair, and began at *Robert Moun's* Stonewall, something to the South of his House, and took a Course, according to some Bounds which we found, which bear from each other, East and West ; and we continued an East Course, till we crossed the East Line of *Richmond*, where we made a Stone Heap for the North-east Corner of said *Richmond* ; which Line from said Wall, ran about eight Rods and fourteen Links to the North of *Barney Siffen's* House ; and then we took a West Course from said Stone Wall, and run until we came some small Distance North of *Samuel Barber's* Saw-mill, where we made a Heap of Stones, and then continued a West Course, which ran about six Rods and an Half to the North of the House where *Benjamin Potter* lives, where we erected a Bound ; and then we continued said Line to a Pitch Pine Tree, some Distance to the Northward of the dwelling House of *Benjamin Hall*, which Tree we marked ; and from thence the same Course to a Chestnut Tree marked ; and so to continue a West Course to the Colony Line ; which Line we agree and allow to be the dividing Line between the Towns of *Westerly* and *Exeter* : As witness our Hands, the 13th Day of *December*, A. D. 1753.

Benjamin Randal,
Benjamin Barber,
John Weight,
Benoni Hall.
Thomas Clarke, Surveyor.”

And this Assembly having duly considered the Return aforesaid, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That said Return be, and the same is hereby confirmed, and that the Line run by the said Committees, as mentioned in their aforesaid Return, be and remain the dividing Line between the said Towns of *Westerly* and *Exeter*.

Whereas *Stephen Richmond*, *Simeon Perry*, and *Benjamin Hall*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That whereas, the said *Stephen Richmond*, *Robert Lillibridge*, and *Benjamin Brown*, were some Time ago, a Committee appointed by the General Assembly, to lay out two Highways in *Westerly*, at the Expence of said Town, one of which, was to be laid from *Richmond* to *Exeter* : That at said Time, the dividing Line between the said Towns of *Westerly* and *Exeter*, was not settled, so that they could not determine where they ought to stop, but as the last Course towards *Exeter* Line was North thirty-one Degrees and a Quarter West, they continued the Course to *Exeter* Line,

wherever it should be ; since which, the Line between *Westerly* and *Exeter* has been settled, and that so far to the Northward, that *Benjamin Hall*, one of the Petitioners, who owned the Land which the Highway run thorough, where the Line was not settled, did insist, that the Committee should measure the Land taken up by said Highway, and set a Price upon it : Whereupon the said *Stephen Richmond* and *Benjamin Brown*, went in September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four, and taking with them the aforesaid *Simeon Perry*, as Surveyor, ran out said Highway : That it was agreed to give the said *Benjamin Hall* Twenty Pounds Old-Tenor for his Land : That a Return was drawn and sent to the General Assembly by Mr. *Benjamin Barber*, who was a Deputy at that Time ; but it was casually lost or mislaid, so that the Committee have not been paid for their Service, nor the said *Hall* for his Land ; and prayed upon the whole, that the Town of *Westerly* may be ordered to pay them their just Due.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Town of *Westerly* pay the aforesaid *Benjamin Hall* Twenty Pounds for his Land, the said *Stephen Richmond* and *Benjamin Brown*, Three Pounds each for their Time and Expences, the said *Simeon Perry*, for his Surveying and Expences, Three Pounds Ten Shillings, and Ten Shillings to *Benjamin Randal*, Esq; for shewing the Line.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Job Randal*, Esq; and Col. *Benoni Waterman*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for regulating Mill-Dams, in Respect to the Passage of Fish up the Rivers in this Colony, directing the Method of fishing, fixing Fines, &c. and present the same unto the General Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Mr. *Elisha Brown* presented this Assembly with what followeth.

" 1756. Feb. the 23. ¶ Being appointed by the General Assembly in February Session at South-Kingsdown, 1754, to settle the Accounts with *Joseph Sheldon* and *Daniel Smith*, of what Charges has accrued in repairing *Waybasset Bridge* in *Providence*, since the 14th of Jan. 1751, to Jan. the 14th, 1756, do Report as follows.

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Bill, -	£. 337 13 8	<i>Joseph Sheldon</i> ,	£. 1369 12 8
To <i>Joseph Sheldon's</i> Bill,	25 0 0	By Interest of above	
To <i>Obadiab Brown's</i> Bill,	80 5 9	Bond, at 6 per Cent.	410 17 6
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TO my Trouble and Time, Five Pounds.

Elisba Brown."

And this Assembly having duly examined and considered said Report, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby accepted, and that the said *Elisba Brown* be allowed Five Pounds for his Trouble, taking a new Bond of the above-mentioned *Joseph Sheldon*, first deducting the Sum of Five Pounds.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Five Hundred Men, Officers included, be raised in this Colony (including those now in Pay of the Government) for the proposed Expedition against *Crown-Point* : And that his Honor the Governor, *Peter Bours*, and *Daniel Jenckes*, Esqrs. Capt. *Benjamin Wickham*, and the King's Attorney be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for that Purpose, and present the same unto this Assembly as soon as may be.

Whereas *John Andrews*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*, represented unto this Assembly, That a Troop of Horse has been for a long Time kept up in said Regiment, but never mustered for several Years past : That a considerable Number of Soldiers are enlisted in said Troop, and thereby excused from doing Duty in the Foot Companies they heretofore belong'd to ; and therefore he is of Opinion, that said Troop should be mustered, and proper Officers chosen, or that said Troop be demolished, and the Soldiers enlisted in it, return to their Duty in the train'd Bands.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *John Randal* be Captain, *Stephen Whipple* first Lieutenant, *Daniel Tillinghast* second Lieutenant, and *Benjamin Bowen* Cornet, of the Troop aforesaid ; and that in Case they enlist into said Troop, the Number of Forty-six Troopers, on or before the first Wednesday of May next, Commissions be given by his Honor the Governor unto the Officers above named otherwise that there be not a Troop of Horse in the aforesaid Regiment.

Whereas *William Arter* preferred a Petition, and represented into this Assembly, That he enlisted to go as Armorer under Lieut. Col. *Cole*, in the Expedition against *Crown-Point* : That upon their Arrival at *Green-Bush* near *Albany*, Col. *Harris* appointed him Armorer of the whole Regiment : That in Consequence thereof, he made Irons for numbering and lettering the Guns, and cleaned and mended such of them as needed it, the Colonel promising him the Pay of an Armorer : That upon his Return to *Newport*, he made Application to the Committee of War for Satisfaction, but was informed by those Gentlemen, that they had it not in their Power to allow him more than Sixteen Pounds

Pounds *per* Month, which is not one third Part of what is usually allowed in such Cases : And thereupon prayed for a proper Allowance. And this Assembly being willing that all those who have performed more than their immediate Duty, should be suitably rewarded, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Examination of the Matter aforesaid, be, and is hereby referred unto the Committee of War ; and they are hereby empowered to make the said *William Arter* such Allowance as they shall think reasonable.

Whereas *Joseph Rockwell*, late a Soldier in Capt. *Henry Babcock's* Company, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Committee of War promised him, that if he should do any Work upon the Battoes, for the Service of the Expedition against *Crown-Point*, he should be paid for it over and above his monthly Wages : That upon their Arrival at *Green Bush* near *Albany*, it was found necessary to recaulk several of the Battoes, which Service he performed : That upon his Return to *Newport*, he made Application to said Committee, in order to obtain Pay for his so doing ; but was informed by those Gentlemen, that they had it not in their Power to allow him more than Sixteen Pounds *per* Month : Wherefore he prayed to have a proper Allowance made for the Work he did upon the Battoes. And this Assembly being willing that all who have performed more than their immediate Duty, should be suitably rewarded, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Examination of the Matter aforesaid, be, and is hereby referred to the Committee of War ; and they are hereby empowered to make the said *Joseph Rockwell* such an Allowance as they shall think reasonable.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Town-Council of the Town of *Westerly* have, and hereby is granted them, as full Power to exchange any Part of the Highway which was laid out in said Town about three Years ago, by Order of the General Assembly, as they have in Respect to Highways laid out by said Town.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *George Brown*, Esq; *Stephen Haszard*, Esq; *James Helme*, Esq; and Mr. *Matthew Robinson* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for regulating Taxes in this Colony, and make Report unto the General Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to return the Thanks of this Colony unto Maj. Gen. *Johnson*, for his good Services in Defence of the several Governments of *New-England*, during the late Expedition against the *French* and *Indians* : And that his Honor request that Gentleman to pay the same Compliment in Behalf of this Colony, unto Capt. *William Eyre*, Engineer General in the Expedition aforesaid.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Marshal of the Court of Vice-Admiralty within this Colony, shall have the same Power and Authority to sell Goods and Merchandize by public Vendue, in Consequence of Orders and Decrees of said Court, as Shreives have upon Executions; and on Non-payment of any Sum or Sums contracted for by the highest Bidder, the said Marshal be, and is hereby authorized and fully impowered to call a special Court or Courts, observing the same Rules and Orders in Prosecution, as are directed by the Act that impowers Vendue Masters of the several Towns in this Colony to call special Courts.

An ACT for raising, subsisting, and paying Five Hundred Men for the Expedition designed to reduce the *French* Forts on Lake Champlain, to the Obedience of His Majesty.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That Five Hundred Men, exclusive of commissioned Officers, and including the Men now in the Pay of this Colony, be forthwith inlisted into the Service of said Colony, as its Proportion of the Army intended for the aforesaid Expedition: That the said Five Hundred Men be one entire Regiment, commanded and governed by a Colonel, a Lieutenant Colonel, and a Major, and consist of ten Companies, each of which shall be led and conducted by a Captain and two Lieutenants, except three of said Companies, which shall be under the immediate Command of the three Field Officers, and shall have only two Lieutenants to each. And for encouraging Men to inlist into this Service, there shall be given to each able-bodied Man, as a Bounty, Twenty-five Pounds Old-Tenor, and one good Blanket, and all shall be paid, armed, and accoutered, furnished and subsisted, in the same Manner as the Troops in the Service of this Colony, last Year were and shall be intitled to all Privileges, Benefits, and Immunities, that were then given to this Colony's Soldiers: And that all Apprentices who shall inlist into this Service, shall have the whole Bounty, and one Half of the Wages due at their return, and their Masters the other Half: That the Committee of War furnish such Officers as shall be appointed, with Money for paying the Bounty to such Soldiers as may inlist, and shall take Care of the subsisting and paying the advance Wages to all the Soldiers, and provide Provisions, warlike and all other Stores, necessary for the said Five Hundred Men, and cause them to be carried forward to *Albany*, as soon as possibly they can, and take due Care that there be no Defect or Delay in any Thing that ought to be provided by this Colony for the Benefit of the said Five Hundred Men, or for the Service of the Expedition: That the Governor of this Colony commissionate all the Officers who shall be appointed for the said Five Hundred Men, and give Orders for the Marching of the said Men, either all in one Body, or in different Companies at different Times, as the good of the

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Service may require, and cause them to join and act in Conjunction with such Forces as may be raised by the other Colonies concerned in this Expedition, and put them under the Command and Government of such Commander in Chief, as may be agreed upon by all the Colonies, and approved by Major General *Shirley*.

AND for a Supply of Money in the General Treasury, for carrying all the Things aforesaid into Execution, there be forthwith emitted and put into the Treasury, the Sum of Eight Thousand Pounds, equal in Value to the lawful Money of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and of the Colony of *Connecticut*; the Bills to be printed wholly with Types, in the following Form, to wit :

TWENTY SHILLINGS.

THE Possessor of this Bill, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Colony of Rhode-Island. Twenty Shillings Lawful Money, at the Rate of Six Shillings and Eight Pence for one Ounce of Silver, within two Years from the Date hereof. By Order of Assembly, the 27th Day of February, 1756.

And that the Bills be made of the Denomination of Twenty-five, Twenty, Ten, Five, Three. Two, and One Shilling, and of Nine Pence and Six Pence ; and that an equal Number be made of each of the said Denominations : And the said Bills shall be signed by any three of the Gentlemen who signed the last Bills made by this Colony, and as soon as made, shall be put into the Treasury.

AND for the calling in and redeeming said Bills. *It is Enacted*, That all such Money as may be received from the Crown of Great-Britain, for reimbursing the Expences this Colony have already, or hereafter may be at in the *Crown-Point* Expeditions, shall be first appropriated to sinking the Bills already made by this Colony, called *Crown-Point Bills* ; that when the said *Crown-Point Bills* are sunk, the Remainder of all such Money that may be received from Home, shall be applied towards sinking the Bills emitted by this Act ; and that for sinking the Remainder of those Bills, or the Whole of them, if no Money be received from Home for that Purpose, Rates be assessed on the Inhabitants of this Colony, in such Time, that it may be collected and brought into the Treasury Time enough to redeem the whole of the Bills now emitted, and that shall be then outstanding, within two Years from the Date of the said Bills : And that the whole of the Rate or Rates to be made for this Purpose, shall be paid in the same Bills now emitted, or in Silver at the Rate of Six Shillings and Eight Pence for every Ounce, or in Gold at a proportionate Value : And the Silver and Gold by those Means drawn into the Treasury, shall be immediately applied to redeem the outstanding Bills emitted by this Act ; and that for the future, no other Bills be burnt by this Colony, but those called *Crown-Point Bills*, until they be wholly sunk.

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AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Emitting of these Bills, nor any Thing contained in this Act, shall have any Effect, or in any Measure influence the Old or New-Tenor Bills formerly emitted by this Colony, and now circulating ; but that all Bonds, Mortgages, Notes, Accounts, Covenants, and Contracts, made, given, or subsisting in this Colony, shall be deemed, construed, and adjudged, in every Respect, as they would and ought to have been, if this Act had never been made : Any Thing herein contained, that may seem to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND that the Committee of War have the same Power and Authority during the Recess of the General Assembly, to carry all the Matters and Things aforesaid into Execution, as they have at any Time heretofore been vested with : And that each commission'd Officer shall be allowed Three Shillings lawful Money for every Soldier he shall enlist.

An ACT in Addition to, and Amendment of the several Acts regulating the Militia.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign (for the Time being) of each respective Company or train'd Band, within this Colony, shall appoint a Clerk for his Company, and whoever being appointed Clerk as aforesaid, shall refuse to serve, unless he make a reasonable Excuse, shall be fin'd Forty Pounds for such Refusal ; to be recovered by the Town Treasurer, at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County where such Clerk dwells, by an Action of the Case ; which Court shall be Judges of the Reasonableness of said Excuse, and another Clerk shall be appointed in his Room ; and every Clerk that shall refuse to execute the Warrant of his Captain, for collecting and distraining of Fines, after he is engaged, shall be fin'd One Hundred Pounds for every such Refusal ; to be recovered in Manner as aforesaid ; and said Fines to be appropriated to the same Use as the Fines of delinquent Soldiers : And that the Clerk be allowed One Quarter Part of all the Fines he shall collect, besides his Fee for distraining.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Person under the Age of twenty-one Years, shall neglect or refuse to pay his Fine for Neglect of military Duty, the Clerk shall make Distress upon the Goods and Chattels of the Parents or Masters of such Persons ; and for Want of such Goods and Chattels, to commit such delinquent Persons to Goal, until his Fines be paid ; and where no personal Estate can be found, of any Person of Age, neglecting military Duty, the Clerk is hereby directed and fully empowered to commit such Person to His Majesty's Gaol, in Manner as aforesaid. And
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whereas, it is found inconvenient to have the training Days on the same Days that are appointed for viewing Arms and Ammunition, *Be it therefore Enacted*, That for the future, the Captain of each Company for the Time being, shall appoint the Times and Places of training.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Dinner be allowed to the non-commission'd Officers of each Company in the Town of *Newport*, on each of the training Days, and the Charge thereof be paid out of the Fines, at the Discretion of the Captain: And that all the Captains in this Colony, be empowered to put out Warrants, to collect and distrain for all Fines due for Neglect of Duty within their respective Companies, notwithstanding the Times limited by Law. are elapsed.

AND be it further Enacted, That in the Town of *Newport*, the Captain of each Company may for the future direct his Warrant to the Clerk, or one of the Sergeants, for warning his Company to train by Beat of Drum, as has heretofore been usual.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Jeremiah Lippitt, Esq; Job Randal, Esq; Mr. Elisha Brown, and George Brown, Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for the Relief of insolvent Debtors; and present the same unto the General Assembly at their next Session.*

An A C T to prevent Sherives, Deputy Shrelves, and Gaol Keepers, being chosen Members of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS no Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Gaol Keeper, can, by the Laws of England, be returned as a Member of Parliament, or have a Seat in the House of Commons, as a Member thereof. AND WHEREAS, there is no Law of the Colony now in Force, to prohibit these Officers from a Seat in the General Assembly.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the future, no Man shall be chosen Sheriff, whilst he is a Member of the General Assembly, and no Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Gaol-keeper, actually in Office in this Government, shall be elected, or permitted to sit as a Member of the General Assembly of this Colony: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds be allowed for and towards finishing the Court House in the County of *Kent*; and that *Joseph Edmunds and Thomas Aldrich Esqrs.* draw the Money out of the General Treasury for that Purpose, when so much Work is done, as amounts to that Sum, they charging nothing for their Trouble.

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This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Five Thousand Pounds more be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, towards rebuilding FORT GEORGE; and that the Committee appointed for that Service, make Use of the Stones in the old Fort, towards building the new one.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Richard Plummer, a Soldier now confined in His Majesty's Gaol at Providence, for Desertion, be tried at the next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, to be held at Providence, within and for the County of Providence, and if convicted, his Punishment shall be, to be sent and entered on Board one of His Majesty's Ships of War.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours, James Sheffield, and Benjamin Nickols, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of Jabeel Brenton, Esq; with the Colony, and make Report to the General Assembly as soon as may be.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Licut. Col. Joseph Champlin be, and he is hereby appointed to repair Paucatuck Bridge, at the Charge of the Colony.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War be allowed Two per Cent. upon all the Money that passed thro' their Hands, in paying the Expence of the Expedition against Crown-Point, for their Time and Trouble respecting that Expedition.

Whereas James Sheffield, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for sundry Disbursements, &c. towards building the present Light-House upon Beaver Tail: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten Pence, the Balance thereof, be paid the said James Sheffield out of the General Treasury.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the whole of the Seventy Thousand Pounds Rate already assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, be appropriated towards sinking the Bills of Credit emitted by this Government, for carrying on the Expedition against Crown-Point.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War prepare an Account of the Charges this Colony hath borne in the late Expedition against Crown-Point, which his Honor the Governor is requested to transmit unto Great-Britain.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury unto Mr. James Rhodes, for repairing the great Bridge at Patuxet Falls, commonly called Patuxet Bridge, he charging no Commissions.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be allowed and paid unto Job Randal, Esq; out of the General Treasury, for building the Bridge in Scituate, commonly called the Meeting House Bridge, he charging no Commissions.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred Pounds be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury unto Mr. Henry Wall, for repairing Hunt's Bridge, so called, he charging no Commissions.

Whereas the last Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been begun and held at East-Greenwich, within and for the County of Kent, on the third Tuesday of October last, fell, by Reason that there was not a sufficient Number of the Judges to constitute a Court, that gave their Attendance.

Wherefore,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all Business that should or might have properly come before the said Court for their Judgment, had it met, shall be heard, tried, and adjudged at the next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, to be held for said County, in the Month of April next.

An A C T for altering the Time of chusing Town Officers in Jamestown.

Whereas Experience hath manifested, that the Day by Law appointed for electing Town Officers on the Island of Canonicut, called Jamestown, is not so convenient as may be.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted. That the Town-Meetings of said Jamestown, for chusing Town Officers, be, and are hereby altered, and that for the future, their Town Meetings for electing Town Officers, shall be held on the same Day in the Month of April annually, on which they shall meet to chuse Deputies.

Whereas Oliver Helme exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his attending upon the General Assembly at several Sessions, for carrying the Pillory from Tower-Hill to Little-Res, and other public Services : Which being duly examined, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and

and it is Voted and Resolved, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Forty-four Pounds Nineteen Shillings, the Amount of it, be paid the said *Oliver Helme* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Capt. *John Weight* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horsehire, and the Expence of himself and his Aid, in Pursuit of *Henry Reynolds*, and some concerned, and others supposed to have been concerned in counterfeiting Bills of public Credit : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Sixty-seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Weight* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Nathaniel Gardner* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his attending upon the General Assembly at several Sessions, for Money by him expended to get the Court House Bell mended, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-nine Pounds Four Shillings, the Amount of it, be paid the said *Nathaniel Gardner* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Five Thousand One Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence, be paid out of the General Treasury unto Mr. *William Read*, it being the Ballance of his Account of Charges, for building the Light-House at *Beaver-Tail*, and the dwelling House thereto belonging, with Interest. And it is further Voted and Resolved, That Interest be farther allowed the said *William Read*, until the whole of said Sum is paid.

Whereas *Nathaniel Helme*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Kings County*. preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That *Henry Reynolds* of *West-Greenwich* was committed to said Gaol the seventeenth Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three, for counterfeiting Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony : That the Petitioner supplied the said *Henry* with all the Necessaries of Life, Apparel excepted, from the Day he was committed, until the eighteenth Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four, when the said *Henry* was punished according to Law : That the Petitioner was obliged, by Order from the Authority, to take more than ordinary Care to secure the said *Henry*, and guard against the Attempts of sundry Persons, who sought to rescue him out of the Hands of Justice : That the Fees allowed by Law, are by no Means a sufficient Reward for his, the Petitioners, said
extraordinary

extraordinary Care, Expence, and Trouble, in the aforesaid Affair ; and thereupon the said *Nathaniel* prayed to be allowed Three Pounds *per Week* therefor.

And this Assembly having duly enquired into the subject Matter of the Petition aforesaid, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer thereof be, and the same is hereby granted.

Whereas the Hon. *Robert Hazard*, late of *South-Kingstown*, Esq; deceas'd, was one of the Committee appointed to pay off the Soldiers raised in this Colony, for the Expedition designed against *Canada*, during the last War with *France* ; and for that Purpose, receiv'd Money out of the General Treasury. And whereas, *Judith Ephraim*, Mother of *Jonathan Ephraim*, deceas'd, who was one of said Soldiers, by an Instrument in writing, drew upon Mr. *Joseph Hazard*, Executor of the last Will and Testament of the said *Robert Hazard*, deceas'd, for the Wages of her said Son, payable to *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; or Order : Which being laid before this Assembly, *They do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That when the said Executor shall have paid into the General Treasury, the Money which was lodged in his Testator's Hands, that the Wages that were due to the aforesaid *Jonathan Ephraim*, be paid the said *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; or Order, out of the General Treasury.

Both Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the following List, were chosen Officers to command the Regiment of this Colony, going against *Crown-Point*.

Christopher Harris, Esq; Colonel.

Christopher Champlin, jun. Esq; Lieutenant Colonel.

Samuel Angel, Esq; Major.

Thomas Burkit, first Lieutenant of Col. *Harris's* Company.

Elkanah Spear, second Lieutenant of the same.

William Richmond, jun. first Lieutenant of Lieutenant Colonel *Champlin's* Company.

Benjamin Bosworth, second Lieutenant of the same.

Silas Cooke, first Lieutenant of Major *Angel's* Company.

Mark Noble, second Lieutenant of the same.

1. *George Gardner*, jun. first Captain.

John Linscomb, his first Lieutenant.

James Tew, jun. second Lieutenant of said Company.

2. *Henry Babcock*, second Captain.

Giles Russel, his first Lieutenant.

Samuel Hearne, second Lieutenant of said Company.

3. *Barzillai Richmond*, third Captain.

Joseph Davis, his first Lieutenant.

Nathanael Peck, second Lieutenant of said Company.

4. *John Potter* jun. fourth Captain.

Grindal Reynolds, his first Lieutenant.

George Shearman, second Lieutenant of said Company.

Daniel

5. *Daniel Bosworth*, fifth Captain.
Christopher Hargill, his first Lieutenant.
Edward Talby, second Lieutenant of said Company.
6. *Amos Hammond*, sixth Captain.
Samuel Champlin, his first Lieutenant.
Samuel Rose, second Lieutenant of said Company.
Joshua Brown, second Lieutenant of Capt. *John Whiting's*
 Company, now at Fort *William-Henry*.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary publish in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders by this Assembly made and pass'd at this and their last Session, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within forty, send Copies of the same, according to Law, unto every Town in the Colony : And that this Assembly be adjourned to the last Monday of *April* next, if called by his Honor the Governor, or his Honor the Deputy Governor ; but if not called before, nor at said Time, then this Assembly shall be dissolved.

GOD Save the KING.

*Published according to Order, the eighth Day of March, One
 Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, by*

THO. WARD, Secretary.

*A true copy duly examined
 Witness Tho Ward Secy*



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA*; begun and held at NEWPORT on Tuesday the fourth of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} Assist.	WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	} Assist.
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	
JOSEPH BROWNE, jun. Esq;			

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;	}	Warwick;
Capt. Benjamin Wickham,		Col. Benoni Waterman,
Thomas Cranston, Esq;		Capt. Randal Rice,
Capt. Joseph Wanton, jun.		Capt. James Greene.
Capt. William Mumford.		Westerly;
Mr. William Read.	}	Maj. ^{Asa} Clarke.
Providence;		Newshoremham;
None.	}	None.
Portsmouth;		North-Kingstown;
William Anthony, jun. Esq;	}	Mr. Thomas Allen,
Jonathan Freeborn, Esq;		Samuel Albro, Esq;
William Earl, Esq;		

South-Kingstown ;
 Mr. *Henry Gardner*,
 Mr. *Joseph Haszard*.
 East-Greenwich ;
William Spencer, Esq;
 Lieut. Col. *Isaac Gardner*.
 Jamestown ;
 Capt. *William Haszard*,
 Mr. *Edward Carr*.
 Smithfield ;
 None.
 Scituate ;
 None.
 Gloucester ;
 John *Walton*, Esq;
 Charlestown ;
 Col *Christopher Champlin*,
 Capt. *Robert Potter*.
 West-Greenwich ;
 Jeremiah *Ellis*, Esq;
 Mr. *Samuel Dyre*.
 Coventry ;
 None.
 Exeter ;
 Capt. *John Weight*.

Middletown ;
Thomas Gould, Esq;
 Capt. *William Turner*
 Bristol ;
 Maj. *Thomas Greene*,
Nathaniel Fales, Esq;
 Tiverton ;
 Mr. *Thomas Howland*,
 Mr. *John Brown*.
 Little-Compton
 Mr. *Richard Brownel*,
 Mr. *Thomas Church*.
 Warren ;
 Capt. *Josiah Humphreys*,
 Capt. *Benjamin Barton*.
 Cumberland ;
 None.
 Richmond ;
 Capt. *William Clarke*, jun.
Stephen Richmond, Esq;
 Cranston ;
Joseph Harris, Esq;
 Mr. *Christopher Lippitt*.

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker ; and

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS all and every the Persons whose Names hereafter follow, have taken the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the Colony-Law against Bribery and Corruption, in the Election of Officers in this Government, as appears by proper Returns from the respective Town Clerks. *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That all and every of them be, and are hereby made free of the Colony, and may therefore lawfully give their Votes to choose Officers, not only for their respective Towns, but also in the Choice of General Officers.

NEWPORT ;

Joseph Yeamans, Thomas Teacle Taylor, William Gardner Wanton, Robert Stoddard, Daniel Fourtane, James Carter, Joseph Philips, Isaac Ingraham, jun. James Collins, Joseph Burrell, Timothy Balch, Edward Simmonds, Richard Mumford, Joseph Belcher, John Clarke Son of John (*Smith*), Benjamin Wanton, William Taggart, John Congdon, Robert Pate, John Baggs, Robert Kelly, and Nathan Ingraham.

PROVIDENCE ;

John Foster, John Foster, jun. Samuel Tucker, jun. Edward Dexter, John Peck, Dean Kimball, James Henry, Benjamin Thurber,

Thurber, Knight Dexter, Jabez Whipple, William Alverfon, jun. Nathaniel Wheaton, Richard Borden, Luther Hawkins, Barak M'Donald, Levi Whipple, and Nathan Sterry.

P O R T S M O U T H ;

Benjamin Cornell, Isaac Barker, and Caleb Cory.

W A R W I C K ;

Thomas Utter, Seth Chace, Anthony Low, William Gorton, jun. Oliver Arnold, John Gorton, Eliza Wightman, Zebulon Utter, John Holdon (Son of Randal) and John Budlong.

W E S T E R L Y ;

David Lewis, jun. Simeon Burdick, Joseph Noyes, Nathan Smith, David Hall, John Larkin, jun. and John Thompson.

N E W - S H O R E H A M ,

Nathaniel Lock, Nathaniel Littlefield the second, and Caleb Littlefield the second.

S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N ,

James Rhodes, Nicholas Gardner, Wilkinson Browning, Nathaniel Lock, William Caswell, Daniel Weeden, Jeremiah Carpenter, Jeffry Watton, jun. and David Babcock, jun.

E A S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

Caleb Spencer, Josiah Matteson, Silas Casey, Ebenezer Hill, Jeremiah Sweet, and Thomas Briggs Son of Benjamin.

S M I T H F I E L D ;

James Appleby, jun. Gideon Pain, Stutely Arnold, Enoch Arnold, Joseph Carpenter, jun. Peter Aldrich, jun. Thomas Herenden, Joshua Shreve, William Gaskil, Daniel Callom, Joshua Windsor, Jeremiah Ballard, John Angel, Nathan Arnold, Cornelius Walling, and Daniel Smith.

S C I T U A T E ;

Eliezer Collins, Jabez Wight, Jeremiah Angel, Moses Colvin, Stephen Smith (*Son of Thomas*) and Jeremiah Angel, jun.

C H A R L E S T O W N ;

William Greene, and Nathan Kinyon.

C O V E N T R Y ;

Ezekiel Johnson, James Bates, jun. Israel Bowen, Caleb Bates, and Peter Parker.

W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

George Reynolds, Robert Campbell, William Davis, Job Spencer, Benjamin Greene (Son of James) James Moon, John Matteson, jun. Philip Ayllsworth, John Streight, Job Jenkins, William Nichols, and John King.

E X E T E R ;

John Babcock, William Hall, jun. Jonathan Ayllsworth, and George Sweet.

MIDDLETOWN,

Nicholas Easton.

BRISTOL;

Royal Paine, Gamaliel Clarke, and Charles Church.

CUMBERLAND;

John Goold, Daniel Miller, Beach Cutler, Joseph Arnold, Christopher Brown, Henry Richmond, Benoni Studley, John Fisk, John Bartlet, and Benjamin Butler.

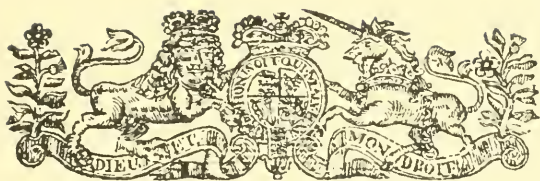
RICHMOND;

William Thomas, Joseph Petty, Barnet Sisson, Benjamin Enos,
and Andrew Nichols.

C R A N S T O N ;

Stephen Brown, and Nathan Williams.

At



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P R E S E N T,

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JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	} Assst.	JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;	} Assst.
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPITT, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;	}	Henry Harris, Esq;
Capt. Benjamin Wickham,		George Brown, Esq;
Thomas Cranston, Esq;	}	Portsmouth;
Peter Bours, Esq;		William Anthony, jun. Esq;
Capt. Joseph Wanton, jun.	}	Jonathan Freeborn, Esq,
Capt. William Mumford.		Mr. Thomas Brownel,
Mr. William Read.	}	William Earl, Esq;
Providence;		Warwick;
Mr. Elisha Brown,	}	Col. Benoni Waterman,
Mr. Nicholas Brown,		Mr. Daniel Greene,

Capt. Randal Rice,		West-Greenwich
Capt. James Greene,		Jeremiah Ellis, Esq;
Westerly ;		Mr. Samuel Dyre.
Maj. John Clarke,		Coventry ;
Mr. Samuel Ward.		Caleb Greene, Esq;
Newshoreham ;		Mr. Job Greene.
Robert Hull, Esq;		Exeter ;
John Littlefield, Esq;		Capt. John Weight,
North-Kingstown ;		Mr. Benoni Gardner.
Mr. Thomas Allen,		Middletown ;
Samuel Albro, Esq;		Thomas Gould, Esq;
South-Kingstown ;		Capt. William Turner.
Mr. Henry Gardner,		Bristol ;
Mr. Joseph Hazard.		Maj. Thomas Greene,
East-Greenwich ;		Nathaniel Fales, Esq;
William Spencer, Esq,		Tiverton ;
Lieut. Col. Isaac Gardner.		Mr. Thomas Howland,
Jamestown ;		Mr. John Brown.
Capt. William Hazard,		Little-Compton ;
Mr. Edward Carr.		Mr. Richard Brownel,
Smithfield ;		Mr. Thomas Church.
Thomas Owens, Esq;		Warren ;
Capt. John Sayles, jun.		Capt. Josiah Humphreys,
Scituate ;		Capt. Benjamin Barton.
Job Randal, Esq;		Cumberland ;
Gideon Harris, Esq;		John Dexter, Esq;
Glocester ;		Capt. David Whipple.
John Walton, Esq;		Richmond ;
Mr. Silas Williams.		Capt. William Clarke, jun.
Charlestown ;		Stephen Richmond, Esq;
Col. Christopher Champlin,		Cranston ;
Capt. Robert Potter.		Joseph Harris, Esq;
		Mr. Christopher Lippitt.

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker ; and

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the following List, were chosen to serve the Government in the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively.

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov. Engag'd.
 The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov. Engag'd.
 James Honyman, Esq; first Assistant ; Engag'd.
 Nicholas Easton, Esq; second Assistant ; Engag'd.
 Nicholas Cooke, Esq; third Assistant ; Engag'd.
 Obadiah Brown, Esq; fourth Assistant ; Engag'd.
 Robert Lawton Esq; fifth Assistant ; Engag'd.

Joseph

Joseph Brownel, jun. Esq; sixth Assistant ; Engag'd.

Jeremiah Lippitt, Esq; seventh Assistant ; Engag'd.

William Richmond, Esq; eighth Assistant ; Engag'd.

John Congdon, Esq; ninth Assistant ; Engag'd.

Thomas Hazzard, Esq; tenth Assistant ; Engag'd.

Thomas Ward, Esq; Secretary ; Engag'd.

Daniel Updike, Esq; Attorney General ; Engag'd.

Thomas Richardson, Esq; General Treasurer ; Engag'd.

<i>The Hon. John Gardner, Esq; chief</i>	} Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, in and through- out the Colony.
<i>Jonathan Randal, Esq; second</i>	
<i>William Richmond, Esq; third</i>	
<i>Joseph Russel, Esq; fourth</i>	
<i>Joseph Clarke, Esq; fifth</i>	

Godfrey Mallbone, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Resolved Waterman, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

William Pendleton, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kings County.

Stephen Low, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

John Andrews, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Joseph Champlin, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kings County.

Isaac Gardner, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Godfrey Mallbone, jun. Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Barzillai Richmond, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Silas Niles, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kings County.

Henry Rice, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Edward Scott, Peter Bours, William Anthony, jun. Jonathan Freeborn, and Thomas Gould, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Newport.

Daniel Fenckes, Job Randal, Thomas Lapham, Richard Steere, and Thomas Arnold, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Providence.

Stephen Hazzard, Immanuel Northup, Christopher Champlin, Thomas Brown, and Benoni Hall, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Kings County.

Jonathan Peck, Matthew Allen, Thomas Greene, James Smith, and Nathaniel Fales, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Thomas Fry, John Greene, William Spencer, John Holdon, and Daniel Howland, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

CLERKS of the Superior Courts of Judicature, Courts of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and for the several Counties ascribed to their respective Names.

John Grelea, jun. Esq; Newport.

Samuel Chace, Esq; Providence.

Latham Clarke, Esq; Kings County.

John Usher, jun Esq; Bristol.

Latham Clarke, Esq; Kent.

CLERKS of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the several Counties ascribed to their respective Names.

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Newport.

Mr. Nicholas Brown, Providence.

Mr. Benjamin Peckham, jun. Kings County.

Mr. Thomas Throope, jnn. Bristol.

Mr. John Walton, jun. Kent.

SHERIFFS of the several Counties.

Joseph Scott, Esq; Newport.

David Wilkinson, Esq; Providence.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Kings County.

Nathaniel Bosworth, Esq; Bristol.

Benjamin Arnold, Esq; Kent.

The Hon. *Gideon Wanton, Esq; Benjamin Nichols, James Sheffield, Obadiah Brown, Samuel Chace, James Arnold, George Brown, and Nicholas Easton, Esqrs.* the Grand Committee, or Trustees of the Colony, for signing Bills of public Credit.

And the asorenamed *Benjamin Nichols, Esq;* is chosen and especially appointed to have and take the Care and Charge of the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds for Tenths, and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon ; and also to make and give proper Acquittances and Discharges on the Mortgages ; or otherwise, upon the Receipt of any of the Colony's Money ; and in Case of Non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all those that refuse or omit to make due Payment.

Mr. Edward Thurston General Sealer of Weights and Measures throughout the Government.

JUSTICES of the Peace in and for the several Towns.

NEWPORT ;

Martin Howard, Samuel Collins, Charles Bardin, Jeremiah Clarke, Thomas Ward, Peter Easton, Joseph Sylvester, Barnabas Hargil, Daniel Goddard, and John Grelea, jun. Esqrs.

PRO.

PROVIDENCE;

George Taylor, Henry Harris, Joseph Snow, Ebenezer Jenckes, James Angel, Samuel Nightingale, Samuel Chace, Nathan Pierce, and Stephen Jackson, Esqrs.

PORTSMOUTH;

William Earl, Robert Dennis, Isaac Barker, and John Almy, Esqrs.

WARWICK,

Elisha Greene, John Warner, jun. Barlo Greene, Othniel Gorton, Ebenezer Slocum, and John Rhodes, jun. Esqrs.

WESTERLY;

William Hearne, Silas Greenman, Benjamin Randal, Benoni Smith, Daniel M'Coon, Joseph Crandal, Stephen Saunders, and Simeon Perry, Esqrs.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN;

Edward Dyre, jun. Stephen Card, Nicholas Northup, jun. Samuel Albro, William Hall (*Son of Robert*) Thomas Eldred, and Joshua Greene, Esqrs.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN;

Samuel Test, John Case, Samuel Seager, William Hull, Jeremiah Crandal, John Sheldon (*Son of Isaac*) and John Brown, Esqrs.

EAST-GREENWICH;

Giles Pearce, Samuel Sowle, Thomas Aldrich, George Vaughan, and Francis Barker, Esqrs.

SMITHFIELD;

William Arnold, Thomas Steere, William Jenckes, John Aldrich, Daniel Mowry, jun. Benjamin Arnel, and Stephen Sly, Esqrs.

SCITUATE;

Gideon Harris, Charles Harris, John Fisk, Samuel Dorrance, and Edward Potter, Esqrs.

GLOCESTER;

Andrew Brown, Timothy Wilmarth, Joseph Windfor, Benjamin Smith, Abraham Tourtelott, Israel Arnold, and Silas Williams, Esqrs.

CHARLESTOWN;

Robert Potter, Benjamin Hoxsie, Gideon Hoxsie, Samuel Stanton, and Nathaniel Sheffield, Esqrs.

WEST-GREENWICH;

Jeremiah Ellis, Samuel Hopkins, William Cumstock, Philip Greene, Preserved Hall, and Isaac Johnson, Esqrs.

COVENTRY;

Caleb Greene, Stephen Potter, Randal Rice, George Hall, and Thomas Matteson, Esqrs.

EXETER;

Job Tripp, Newman Perkins, Daniel Barber, and Joseph Holway, Esqrs.

MIDDLETOWN;

John Taylor, John Barker, Daniel Gould, jun. and Joshua Coggeshall, jun. Esqrs.

BRISTOL;

Shearjashub Bourn, Leveret Hubbard, John Howland, Thomas Greene, jun. and John Walker, Esqrs.

TIVERTON;

Samuel Hickes, Philip Tabor, Restcome Sandford, and Thomas Anthony (*Son of Joseph*) Esqrs.

LITTLE-COMPTON;

Nathaniel Scarle, Joseph Wood, Robert Taylor, and Jeremiah Brownel, Esqrs.

WARREN;

John Kinnicutt, John Cole, James Brown, John Adams, and Ebenezer Cole, Esqrs.

CUMBERLAND;

Job Bartlet, John Dexter, Jeremiah Whipple, and Robert Aldrich, Esqrs.

RICHMOND;

Stephen Richmond, Samuel Test, Elisha Babcock, Silvester Kinyon, and Thomas Kinyon, Esqrs.

CRANSTON;

William Burton, Joseph Harris, Matthew Manchester, Thomas Fenner, jun. Joseph Rhodes, Charles Rhodes, and Gideon Cumstock, Esqrs.

OFFICERS to command the several Companies of Militia, or Train'd Bands, in each Town in the Colony.

NEWPORT;

I. Joseph Wanton, jun. *Captain*; Jonathan Otis, *Lieutenant*; Caleb Gardner, jun. *Ensign*.

II. Job Bennet, jun. *Captain*; Joseph Belcher, *Lieutenant*; Thomas Richardson, jun. *Ensign*.

III. William Rogers, *Captain*; James Rogers, *Lieutenant*; Timothy Balch, *Ensign*.

IV. Isaac Stelle, *Captain*; Jonathan Thurston, *Lieutenant*; Nathaniel Coggeshall, jun. *Ensign*.

PROVIDENCE;

I. John Field, jun. *Captain*; William Donnilon, *Lieutenant*; Stephen Rawson, *Ensign*.

II. Josiah Thornton, *Captain*; John Waterman (*Son of Joseph*) *Lieutenant*; Arthur Fenner, jun. *Ensign*.

III. Charles Olney, *Captain*; Thomas Olney (*Son of Thomas*) *Lieutenant*; Thomas Whipple, jun. *Ensign*.

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IV. Joseph Whipple, *Captain* ; Samuel Thurber, *Lieutenant* ; Stephen Jenckes, *Ensign*.

P O R T S M O U T H ;

Benjamin Cornel, *Captain* ; Giles Cook, *Lieutenant* ; Benjamin Hall, *Ensign*.

W A R W I C K ;

I. James Arnold, jun. *Captain* ; Simon Arnold, *Lieutenant* ; John Waterman, *Ensign*.

II. Silas Gardner, *Captain* ; Nathaniel Arnold, *Lieutenant* ; Stephen Arnold, *Ensign*.

III. William Potter, *Captain* ; Thomas Greene, *Lieutenant* ; Stukely Stafford, *Ensign*.

W E S T E R L Y ;

I. Joshua Thompson, *Captain* ; Joseph Clarke, *Lieutenant* ; Eber Crandal, *Ensign*.

II. John M'Coon, *Captain* ; Roger White, *Lieutenant* ; Elias Lewis, *Ensign*.

III. Nathan Babcock, *Captain* ; Edward Saunders, *Lieutenant* ; James Bliven, *Ensign*.

IV. Edward Wells, jun. *Captain* ; Daniel M'Coon, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Wells, *Ensign*.

N E W - S H O R E H A M ;

Edward Sands, *Captain* ; Caleb Littlefield, jun. *Lieutenant* ; John Pain, *Ensign*.

N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N ;

I. Jeremiah Greene, *Captain* ; Samuel Warner, *Lieutenant* ; Christopher Allen, *Ensign*.

II. Thomas Douglass, *Captain* ; Jacob Pindar, *Lieutenant* ; William Eldred, *Ensign*.

III. Christopher Phillips, *Captain* ; Seth Eldred, *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Congdon, jun. *Ensign*.

S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N ;

I. John Wilson, *Captain* ; Adam Gould, *Lieutenant* ; Nathaniel Mumford, *Ensign*.

II. Gideon Casey, *Captain* ; Samuel Hopkins, *Lieutenant* ; James Rhodes, *Ensign*.

E A S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

I. George Weaver, *Captain* ; Nicholas Spencer, *Lieutenant* ; Benjamin Spencer (*Son of John*) *Ensign*.

II. Silvester Sweet, *Captain* ; Thomas Briggs (*Son of Benjamin*) *Lieutenant* ; Robert Bailey, *Ensign*.

J A M E S T O W N ;

Samuel Slocum, *Captain* ; George Franklin, *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Bentley, *Ensign*.

S M I T H F I E L D ;

I. Christopher Brown, *Captain* ; John Wilkinfon, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Richard Sayles, jun. *Ensign*.

II. Stephen Arnold, *Captain* ; Elifha Arnold, *Lieutenant* ; Oliver Man, *Ensign*.

III. Abraham Windsor, *Captain* ; Elifha Sayles, *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Smith, jun. *Ensign*.

SCITUATE,

I. Christopher Relfh, *Captain* ; Nicholas Edwards, *Lieutenant* ; Ezekiel Philips, *Ensign*.

II. George Dorrance, *Captain* ; John Herrenden, *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Bennet, *Ensign*.

III. Oliver Westcor, *Captain* ; Benoni Williams, *Lieutenant* ; Nicholas Hopkins, *Ensign*.

IV. Timothy Hopkins, *Captain* ; Hezekiah Walker, *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Weatherhead, *Ensign*.

GLOCESTER;

I. Israel Sayles, *Captain* ; Richard Smith, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Colwell, *Ensign* ; who are to continue and hold said Offices until the General Assembly shall order otherwise.

II. Rufus Smith, *Captain* ; John Smith, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Jonathan Harris, *Ensign*.

CHARLESTOWN;

Peleg Cross, *Captain* ; Enoch Kinyon, jun. *Lieutenant* ; John Ladd, *Ensign*.

WEST-GREENWICH;

I. Thomas Rogers, *Captain* ; Joseph Dolliver, *Lieutenant* ; Ephraim Howard, *Ensign*.

II. Clarke Rogers, *Captain* ; Shebna Spink, *Lieutenant* ; Benjamin Greene, jun. *Ensign*.

COVENTRY;

I. Jonathan Nichols, *Captain* ; Thomas Stafford (Son of Thomas) *Lieutenant* ; Daniel Colvin, *Ensign*.

II. Caleb Vaughan, *Captain* ; James Greene (Son of Daniel) *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Weaver, *Ensign*.

EXETER;

I. Samuel Weight, jun. *Captain* ; Stephen Albro, *Lieutenant* ; John Babcock, *Ensign*.

II. Oliver Mius, *Captain* ; Amos Gardner, *Lieutenant* ; Job Tripp, jun. *Ensign*.

MIDDLETOWN;

William Blifs, *Captain* ; James Barker the third, *Lieutenant* ; William Bailey, *Ensign*.

BRISTOL;

Joseph Reynolds, jun. *Captain* ; John Wardwell, *Lieutenant* ; Nathaniel Carey, *Ensign*.

TIVERTON;

I. Isaac Manchester, *Captain* ; Thomas Grey, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Corey, *Ensign*.

II. Richard Durfee, *Captain* ; George Westgate, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Stephen Tallman, *Ensign*.

LITTLE-COMPTON;

Benjamin Simmons, *Captain*; Thomas Brownel, jun. *Lieutenant*; Isaac Simmons, *Ensign*.

WARREN;

Josiah Humphreys, *Captain*; Thomas Cole, *Lieutenant*; Benjamin Cole, *Ensign*.

CUMBERLAND;

I. Nathaniel Whipple, *Captain*; Benjamin Tower, *Lieutenant*; John Grant, *Ensign*.

II. John Nicholson, *Captain*; Elisha Ballue, *Lieutenant*; Ariel Ballue, *Ensign*.

RICHMOND;

Nicholas Larkin, *Captain*; Edward James, *Lieutenant*; John Kinyon (*Son of Joseph*) *Ensign*.

CRANSTON;

I. Richard Searle, jun. *Captain*; Joseph Carpenter, *Lieutenant*; Obadiah King, *Ensign*.

II. Samuel Byles, *Captain*; Elisha Weaver, *Lieutenant*; Stephen Dexter, *Ensign*.

III. Israel Gorton, jun. *Captain*; John Burton, jun. *Lieutenant*; Ephraim Congdon, *Ensign*.

NEWPORT Troops of Horse.

I. Benjamin Sherburn, *Captain*; Henry Sowle, *Lieutenant*; Joseph Sowle, *Cornet*.

II. William Briggs (*Son of Job*) *Captain*; Israel Shaw, *Lieutenant*; Thomas Church, *Cornet*.

PROVIDENCE Troop of Horse.

John Randal, *Captain*; Stephen Whipple, *first Lieutenant*; Daniel Tillinghast, *second Lieutenant*; Benjamin Bowen, *Cornet*.

William Mumford *Captain* of Fort George.

George Taylor, Esq; *Notary Public* for Providence.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Newby Coggeshall be, and he is hereby chosen Quarter-Master of the first, and William Woodman Quarter-Master of the second Troop of Horse in the County of Newport; and that they be commissioned accordingly.

An ACT for naturalizing Ignatius Battar.

WHEREAS Ignatius Battar, now residing at Newport in this Colony, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he was late a Subject of His Most Christian Majesty, but hath lived for about six Years last past in New-London, in the Colony of Connecticut, and for some Time in Newport aforesaid: That being desirous to settle with his Family in said Newport, he is fully determined to submit himself altogether unto the Protection of the King of

Great-Britain, and become his Subject ; and thereupon prayed an Act of Naturalization may be passed in his Favor for that Purpose.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said Ignatius Battar be, and he is hereby naturalized, and forever hereafter shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be naturalized, to all Intents and Purposes, and hereby is rendered and made equal in every Respect, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony, provided he take the proper Oaths.

And afterwards, to wit, on the eighth Day of this Instant *May*, the said *Ignatius Battar*, in his own proper Person, came before their Honors the Governor and Deputy Governor, and the rest of the Council, and took and subscribed the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament.

WHereas a great Number of the Freemen and Soldiers of the Town of *Glocester*, in the County of *Providence*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Company or Train'd Band of said Town, which is under the Command of Capt. *Israel Sayles*, hath increased to the Number of One Hundred and Fifty : That some live at a great Distance from the training Field, and are thereby exposed to considerable Difficulty on Account of travelling, and the Expence they are put to in discharging their Duty ; and thereupon prayed that said Company or train'd Band may be divided.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved That the Field Officers of the Regiment of Militia in the County above-mentioned, be, and they are hereby impowered to examin into the Circumstances of the Company or train'd Band aforesaid, and if they think it necessary, divide the same into two distinct Companies, and fixing the Bounds of each, make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Elizabeth Tom*, only Daughter of an Indian Man called *Tom Potter* or *Tom Hill*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That her said Father went a Soldier in the Forces that were raised for the last Expedition designed against *Canada*, and upon his Return to *Newport*, died the Day before the Soldiers were discharged, and that his Wages have never been paid : Whereupon the said *Elizabeth* prayed, that the Affair may be referred to the Gentlemen who settled the Affairs of that Expedition, and that they be impowered to give an Order upon the General Treasurer for the Sum that they shall find due.

Which being duly examined and considered,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said Elizabeth in her aforesaid Petition made, be and the same is hereby granted.

This

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That there shall be an Adjutant added to the Regiment raised in this Colony for the Expedition against *Crown-Point*, and that he be allowed the monthly Wages of Sixty Pounds Old-Tenor. *And this Assembly do farther Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. *Giles Ruffel* be, and he is hereby chosen and appointed Adjutant of said Regiment.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Warrants to the Collector of Rates, be lengthen'd out unto the next Session of this Assembly, and no longer.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* be, and he is hereby directed and fully impowered to sell and dispose of the real Estate of *David Brown*, lately forfeited unto this Colony : That the said Sheriff give a good Deed or Deeds thereof unto the Purchaser or Purchasers : That the same be sold at a public Vendue, after having been advertised for Sale three Weeks : That the Conditions of Sale be for one Half of the Purchase-Money, to be paid in four Months, and the Remainder in eight, he the said Sheriff taking good Security for the whole.

Whereas the Committee of War have received of his Excellency *William Shirley*, Esq; Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in *North-America*, Three Hundred Firelocks, Three Hundred Bayonets, Three Hundred Cartouch Boxes, Nine Barrels of Gunpowder, One Ton of Musquet Balls, and one Cask of Flints, for the Use of the Forces raised in this Colony, to be employed in the Expedition now carrying on against the *French* Forts and Settlements on *Lake George*, late *Lake St. Sacrament*, at *Crown-Point*, and on the *Lake Iroquois*, otherwise called *Lake Champlain*. And whereas, the said Committee of War, have by an Indenture, under their Hands and Seals. dated the twentieth Day of *April* last, promised in Behalf of the Colony, to be answerable to the Master-General, and principal Officer of His Majesty's Ordnance, for all said Arms and Accoutrements, and that the same shall be returned (such only as shall be lost by inevitable Accidents in actual Service excepted) at the End of the aforesaid Expedition, to His Majesty's Comptroller of the Ordnance in *North-America*, at such Place as shall be appointed by his Excellency *William Shirley*, Esq; or the Commander in Chief for the Time being. *This Assembly do therefore Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That they approve of the Conduct of the Committee of War, in obligating themselves as aforesaid, in Behalf of the Colony ; and that the Colony will abide by, and perform the Promise contained in said Indenture.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Wages of the first Lieutenant of each of the Field Officers Companies, going in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*, be Ninety Pounds per Month ; and that the
second

second Lieutenant of each of the said Officers, be allowed the monthly Wages of Sixty Pounds.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Committee of War be, and they are hereby directed and fully impowered to issue Warrants unto the Colonels of the several Regiments in this Colony, to cause to be impressed such a Number of able-bodied Men as shall be wanted to fill up the several Companies-raising for the Expedition against Crown-Point, in such Proportion as the Committee of War shall think just ; and that said Warrants be given out upon the tenth Day of this Instant May, if said Companies are not filled up by that Time.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the twentieth Day of this Instant May be set a-part and observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer throughout this Colony ; and that no servile Labor be done on said Day ; and that his Honor the Governor be, and is hereby requested to put out a Proclamation for that Purpose ; and that this Act be forthwith proclaimed.

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An ACT for regulating and governing the Forces raised, and to be raised by this Colony, for the intended Expedition against Crown-Point.

WHEREAS this Government has been, and are now levying Forces for an Expedition against Crown-Point, and it is necessary that they should be under proper Government.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Commission-Officers of the Forces raised, and to be raised in this Colony, for the Expedition aforesaid, may, by the Appointment of their Colonel or Commanding-Officer, hold a Regimental Court-Martial, for inflicting such corporal Punishments, as the Neglect of Duty, Disorders in Quarters, or other such Crimes may deserve : Which Regimental Court-Martial, shall consist of five Commission-Officers at the least, two of whom shall be of the Degree of Captains, and the Judgment or Sentence by them given, shall be always according to the Plurality of Voices, but never executed until the commanding Officer of the Regiment shall have confirmed and approved the same.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Regiment of this Colony, and all the Officers and Soldiers thereto belonging, shall be subject to such General Courts-Martial as may be holden in the Army, by Order of the Commander in Chief.

This

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Ephraim Starkweather be, and he is hereby appointed Chaplain of the Regiment by this Colony raised, for the Expedition against Crown-Point, and be allowed the monthly Wages of One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor.

Whereas Messrs. John Wanton, Thomas Rodman, Edward Wanton, Joseph Cozzens, Samuel Dyre, jun. Edward Chapman, John Culberston, Clothier Pierce, jun. Matthew Cozzens, Robert Wheatly, Augustus Johnson, and Israel Brayton, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That whereas there is great Danger of an approaching War, and this Government is repairing the Fort, and putting the Colony into a Posture of Defence; and as the greater Part of the Petitioners have been used to the Exercise of Cannon, they proposed an Act may be passed, that the Masters of Vessels in the Town of Newport, or so many of them as shall be thought necessary by the Captain of the Fort, may, instead of being obliged to bear Arms in the train'd Bands of said Town, be obliged, by an Order from the Captain of said Fort for the Time being, to appear six Times every Year at the Fort, on such Days as said Captain shall see Cause to appoint, in order to exercise the Cannon there; by Means whereof, they may gain farther Knowledge of that Exercise, and be the better enabled to defend, in Case of an Attack of said Fort.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be, and the same is hereby granted; and that the Captain of Fort George enlist fifty Men for the Purpose in said Petition mentioned.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. William Read hire for the Use of the Colony, so much Money as is at present necessary for carrying on the Building of Fort George; but nevertheless, he may not exceed the Sum granted by the General Assembly for that Purpose.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That James Honyman and Nicholas Cooke, Esqrs. Capt. Benjamin Wickham and Peter Bours, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit Capt. William Read and James Sheffield, Esq; their Accounts of Charges of building Fort George, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That John Tillingbass and Thomas Cranston, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive of James Sheffield, Esq; late Captain of Fort George, the Stores, &c. belonging to said Fort, and deliver the same unto the present Captain, giving and taking Receipts.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That John Tillingbass, Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours, James Sheffield, and Benjamin Nichols, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part

of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to settle with *Jableel Brenton*, Esq; the Accounts between him and this Colony, and to receive of him what shall appear to them to be due from him to the Colony, and thereupon to give him a Discharge in full.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War be, and they are hereby directed and fully empowered to issue Warrants to the Sheriffs of the several Counties within this Colony, to impress so many Blankets as shall be necessary for the present Expedition against *Crown-Point*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, at the Charge of the Colony, make such Repairs of the Gaol in said County, and of the Wall surrounding it, as are necessary.

Whereas *James Tanner* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government for mending the Glass Windows of the Colony-House in *Newport*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirty-eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Tanner* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas a certain Sloop (the Master's Name unknown to this Assembly) was lately cast on Shore at *Point-Judith* in this Colony, out of which a Person was buried, who died with the Small-Pox, which the Master concealed; and as almost all the People belonging to said Sloop are taken down with said Distemper, and the whole Colony is in Danger by said Concealment, *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*, or his Deputy, take the said Vessel with her Cargo into Custody, and safely keep the same, until all Charges and Damages be paid, which have or shall arise, by Means of said Vessel's bringing the Infection into this Colony, or until sufficient Security be given for the same, not less than Five Thousand Pounds; and that this Act be forthwith proclaimed, and a Copy thereof immediately sent to said Sheriff by the Secretary.

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THOMAS WARD, *Secret.*

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session: That the Secretary publish in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and pass'd, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned to the third Monday of *June* next.

G O D Save the K I N G.

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THO. WARD, *Secretary.*



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA* ; begun and held at NEWPORT by Adjournment, on the second Tuesday of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	}	JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;	}
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
ORADIAH BROWN, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;			

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	}	Henry Harris, Esq;
Capt. Benjamin Wickham,		George Brown, Esq;
The Speaker.		Portsmouth;
Peter Bours, Esq;		William Anthony, jun. Esq;
Capt. Joseph Wanton, jun.		Jonathan Freeborn, Esq;
Capt. William Mumford.	}	Mr. Thomas Brownel,
Mr. William Read.		William Earl, Esq;
Providence;	}	Warwick;
Mr. Elisha Brown,		Col. Benoni Waterman,
Mr. Nicholas Brown,		Mr. Daniel Greene,

Capt.

Capt. <i>Randal Rice,</i>		West-Greenwich ;
Capt. <i>James Greene.</i>		<i>Jeremiah Ellis, Esq;</i>
Westerly ;		Mr. <i>Samuel Dyrce.</i>
Maj. <i>Josbaa Clarke,</i>		Coventry ;
Mr. <i>Samuel Ward.</i>		<i>Caleb Greene, Esq;</i>
Newshoreham ;		Mr. <i>Job Greene.</i>
<i>Robert Hull, Esq;</i>		Exeter ;
<i>John Littlefield, Esq;</i>		Capt. <i>John Weight,</i>
North-Kingstown ;		Mr. <i>Benoni Gardner.</i>
Mr. <i>Thomas Allen,</i>		Middletown ;
<i>Samuel Albro, Esq;</i>		<i>Thomas Gould, Esq;</i>
South-Kingstown ;		Capt. <i>William Turner.</i>
Mr. <i>Henry Gardner,</i>		Bristol ;
Mr. <i>Joseph Haszard.</i>		Maj. <i>Thomas Greene,</i>
East-Greenwich ;		<i>Nathaniel Fales, Esq;</i>
<i>William Spencer, Esq;</i>		Tiverton ;
Lieut. Col. <i>Isaac Gardner.</i>		Mr. <i>Thomas Howland,</i>
Jamestown ;		Mr. <i>John Brown.</i>
Capt. <i>William Haszard,</i>		Little-Compton ;
Mr. <i>Edward Carr.</i>		Mr. <i>Richard Brownel,</i>
Smithfield ;		Mr. <i>Thomas Church.</i>
<i>Thomas Owens, Esq;</i>		Warren ;
Capt. <i>John Sayles, jun.</i>		Capt. <i>Josiah Humphreys,</i>
Scituate ;		Capt. <i>Benjamin Barton.</i>
<i>Job Randal, Esq;</i>		Cumberland ;
<i>Gideon Harris, Esq;</i>		<i>John Dexter, Esq;</i>
Glocester ;		Capt. <i>David Whipple.</i>
<i>John Walton, Esq;</i>		Richmond ;
<i>Silas Williams, Esq;</i>		Capt. <i>William Clarke, jun.</i>
Charlestown ;		<i>Stephen Richmond, Esq;</i>
Col <i>Christopher Champlin,</i>		Cranston ;
Capt. <i>Robert Potter.</i>		<i>Joseph Harris, Esq;</i>
		Mr. <i>Christopher Lippitt.</i>

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *Gideon Northup, William Northup, Benj. Davis, Stephen Watson, Caleb Watson, Ephraim Haszard, John Gardner (Son of Ezekiel) Stephen Northup (Son of Joseph) Isaac Browning, Joseph Congdon, jun. Jonathan Vaughan, John Greene, John Hitt, Jeremiah Haszard, Thomas Duglass, Peleg Briggs, Samuel Browning, Alex. Huling, Rich. Chadsey, Christop. Allen, Rich Dursley, and David Sprague,* all of *N. Kingston,* in the County of *Kings County,* having taken the Oath or Affirmation by Law prescribed against Bribery and Corruption, in the Election of Officers, were admitted Freemen of said Town since the General Election held at *Newport* in *May,* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five, but by Accident, their Names were not returned at the last General Election, so that they have not been made free of the Colony. *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That all and every of the Persons above named be, and hereby are made free of the Colony, and

and may therefore lawfully give their Votes, not only to choofe Officers for their faid Town, but alfo in the Choice of General Officers.

Whereas *Abraham Sheldon, jun. Jonathan Knight, jun. Joseph Randal the third, John Waterman (Son of Richard) Abiah Corp, Stephen Westcot, and John Burton, jun.* all of *Cranston*, in the County of *Providence*, having taken the Oath or Affirmation by Law prefcribed againft Bribery and Corruption, in the Election of Officers, were admitted Freemen of faid Town fince the General Election held at *Newport* in *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Five, but by Accident, their Names were not returned at the laft General Election, fo that they have not been made free of the Colony. *This Affembly therefore do Vote and Refolve, and it is Voted and Refolved*, That all and every of the Perfons above-named be, and hereby are made free of the Colony, and may therefore lawfully give their Votes to choofe Officers, not only in their faid Town, but alfo in the Choice of General Officers.

Whereas *Ann and James Franklin* exhibited unto this Affembly, an Account by them charged againft the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders made and paffed by the General Affembly at their Seflions in *December* and *February* laft; for printing One Hundred Proclamations refpecting the Faft, and furnifhing Paper for thofe Services: Which being duly examined, *This Affembly do Vote and Refolve, and it is Voted and Refolved*, That faid Account be, and the fame is hereby allowed, and that Seventy-nine Pounds Six Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the faid *Ann and James Franklin* out of the General Treafury.

Whereas *Benjamin Arnold, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Affembly, an Account by him charged againft the Colony, for notifying the Members of the General Affembly in faid County living, to meet and hold a Seflion in *December* laft, according to Warrants for that Purpose iffued by his Honor the Governor: Which being duly examined, *This Affembly do Vote and Refolve, and it is Voted and Refolved*, That faid Account be, and the fame is hereby allowed, and that Eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the faid *Benjamin Arnold* out of the General Treafury.

This Affembly do Vote and Refolve, and it is Voted and Refolved, That *James Honyman, John Walton, and Job Randal, Esqrs.* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill to be paffed into an Act, for prohibiting the Exportation of any Provisions out of this Colony, more than a Sufficiency for the Ufe of the Mariners that fhall navigate any Veffel going out of the Colony; which Act fhall continue and be in Force until farther Orders from the General Affembly.

This Affembly do Vote and Refolve, and it is Voted and Refolved, That *Nicholas Eafon and Robert Lawton, Esqrs. Capt. Randal Rice,*
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George

George Brown, Esq; Capt. William Mumford, and Mr. Samuel Ward, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, with Power to inquire jointly and severally, whether any Person or Persons have been guilty of the Breach of any of the Acts of Assembly or Laws of this Colony, made to restrict or prohibit the Exportation of Provisions out of the Colony. And the said Committee, or the major Part of them, are hereby invested with Power to send for any Person or Persons to come before them, to be examined upon Oath or otherwise; and also to send for any Books, Records, or Papers. within this Colony, to be examined, and to make Report to this Assembly at this present, or their next Session, of any Breach of said Acts or Laws that they shall discover.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Col. Benoni Waterman and Major Thomas Greene be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for the good Government of our Forces in the Expedition against Crown-Point, and present the same unto this Assembly as soon as may be.

An ACT for naturalizing John Amiel.

*W*HEREAS John Amiel, late a Subject of his most Christian Majesty, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he has for many Years resided in New-England, and there married an English Wife: That he is desirous to make some Part of this Continent the constant Place of his future Residence; and as many Disadvantages may attend him in prosecuting his Business in the English Colonies, for want of being naturalized, he humbly prayed this Assembly to pass an Act for his Naturalization, that so he may become a Subject of our Most Gracious Sovereign the King of Great-Britain.

On Consideration whereof,

*B*E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said John Amiel be, and he is hereby naturalized, and forever hereafter shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be naturalized, to all Intents and Purposes, and hereby is rendered and made equal in every Respect, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony, provided he take the proper Oaths.

And afterwards, to wit, on the tenth Day of this Instant June, the said John Amiel, in his own proper Person, came before their Honors the Governor and Deputy Governor, and the rest of the Council, and in their Presence took and subscribed the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament.

*T*HIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Joseph Scott, Esq; be, and he is hereby authorized to purchase at the Colony's Charge, a suitable Bell, not exceeding Two Hundred and Two Quarters in Weight, for the Use of the Colony-House in Newport.

This

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. Benjamin Wickham and Joseph Scott, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to repair or rebuild His Majesty's Gaol in *Newport*, at the Charge of the Colony, in such Manner as they shall think necessary ; and that the Speaker of the Lower House and Capt. William Read be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain the Dimensions, if a new Gaol shall be found necessary.

An ACT empowering his Honor the Governor to licence Vessels to go to the neighbouring Governments for Flour.

*W*Hereas this Assembly hath been advised, that the neighbouring Colonies of Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, and New-York, have by Acts of Government, laid Restraints upon the Exportation of Flour, which may greatly affect the Inhabitants of this Colony, if a Scarcity of that Article should happen during the Continuance of those Acts.

Wherefore, and to the End that the Inhabitants of this Colony may be supplied with a reasonable Quantity for their own Consumption from time to time,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That when and as often as any Quantity of Flour shall be needed by the Inhabitants of this Colony for their own Consumption, his Honor the Governor, upon Application to him made by any Person or Persons inhabiting this Colony, may, and hereby is empowered to licence a Vessel to go unto either of the Colonies above-mentioned, to fetch a Load of Flour for the Use aforesaid ; and therewith, by Letter to address the Governor or Commander in Chief of such Colony, informing that he is authorized so to do, and that the Flour to be procured, is for the Use of the Inhabitants of this Colony only, and not intended for Exportation directly or indirectly.

*T*HIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved. That Capt. Benjamin Wickham, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Samuel Ward, Maj. Thomas Greene, and Col. Isaac Gardner be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to inquire what Fines and Forfeitures are due to the Colony, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas the Town Council of *Newport* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the General Assembly of this Colony, at their Session on the third Monday of *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, made and passed an Act for granting an Excise upon Wines and Spirituous Liquors sold by Retail in said Town, which Act was to continue and be in Force for five Years, and that said Act expired last *March* ; whereupon they prayed it may be revived and continue in Force for such a Term of Years as may be thought proper:

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On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Act aforesaid be, and the same is hereby revived, and shall continue and be in Force for and during the Term of five Years more, commencing from the Day of its Expiration.

Whereas *Benjamin King* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for making an Instrument to determin the Latitude, in order to run the dividing Line between this Colony and the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Three Hundred Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Benjamin King out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for collecting of the Proportion of each Town's Collector or Collectors in the Twenty-five Thousand out of the Thirty-five Thousand Pounds Rate, made by an Act of the General Assembly, at their Session held in *Providence* the last Wednesday of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four ; which Sum was by-said Act to be received by him in his aforesaid Office, and delivered out to *John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours*, and *James Sheffield*, Esqrs. who were appointed a Committee to receive and burn the same.

And this Assembly having duly examined said Account,

Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds thereof be allowed and paid the said Benjamin Nichols out of the General Treasury.

AN ACT for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,

WHEREAS sundry Persons, by Reason of Losses and other unavoidable Misfortunes, have been for a long Time confined in Gaols within this Colony for Debt ; and many Tradesmen and Mariners, Inhabitants of this Colony, finding themselves unable to pay the whole of their respective Debts, and dreading the Miseries of a Gaol, have chosen to secrete themselves, or leave their native Country ; and whereas, their being continued in Gaol, or obliged to secrete themselves or abscond for fear of a Gaol, can be of no Service to their Creditors, but is a Prejudice to this Colony, by depriving it of many useful Members, who might be otherwise of great Service to their Country, more especially in these troublesome Times : Therefore, following the Example of our Mother Country for granting Relief to Insolvent Debtors,

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all and every Person or Persons, who being in any Prison within this Colony, on the first Day of this Instant June, on Execution or mean Process, and all and every Person or Persons, who on the said first Day of June, is or are absconded, absented, or concealed, on Account of his, her, or their Debts, being Inhabitants of this Colony, all and every such Person and Persons, whether in Gaol, or absconded, or secreted as aforesaid, if Insolvent, may at any Time after the Publication of this Act, by Petition to the Superior Court of Judicature in this Colony, or to the Judges of said Court, in the Vacation, or any three of them, set forth that he, she, or they are unable to pay the whole of his, her, or their just Debts, but nevertheless is or are willing to yield up, surrender, or deliver, on Oath or Engagement, all his, her, or their Estate or Estates, both Real and Personal, for the Use of his, her, or their Creditors ; and thereupon the said Judges shall forthwith cause the said Insolvent Debtor or Debtors (if in Gaol) to be brought before them by an *habeas Corpus* ; and where the Insolvent Debtor or Debtors secretes or conceals him or herself, or themselves, a Writ or Writs of Protection, from and against all and every legal Process and Processes, of every Nature and Kind (Criminal only excepted) shall be awarded and issued by the Court aforesaid, and the Party or Parties thereby, have free, full, and absolute Liberty of going and returning unto and from the Court, and in so doing, be entirely exempted, protected, and defended from and against any and every Arrest, Attachment, or Molestation, by or from any Officer or Officers, whether the Writ or Writs be Original or Judicial ; and the said Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, thus before the said Judges being, shall render a true, honest, and perfect Inventory or Account of all his, her, or their Estate or Estates as aforesaid, and shall make and give Oath or Engagement in the following Form.*

YOU A. B. do upon your Oath (Engagement) in the Presence of Almighty God, swear (affirm) protest, and declare, that the Inventory by you presented, contains a true, honest, and perfect Inventory or Account of all and every your Estate and Estates, both real and personal, which you now have, or may, or can, or ought to have in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder, that you know of or remember ; and that you have not, directly or indirectly, by yourself or others, made any Deed or Deeds, Gift or Gifts, Grant or Grants, or any other Conveyance or Conveyances whatsoever, whereby to conceal from or defraud your Creditors of any the least Part of your Estate, real or personal ; and that if any Thing be omitted in the Inventory or Account by you now exhibited, you will deliver the same, or cause the same to be delivered up to, and for the Use and Benefit of your Creditors : So help you GOD. [And this Engagement you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.]

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when Process shall be thus far had, and made in the Case of any Insolvent Debtor

Debtor or Debtors as aforesaid, the said Judges are hereby directed and fully impowered to appoint a Time, not exceeding forty Days from the first Advertisements, and publish the same in the *Boston* Prints three Weeks' successively, and some convenient Place for the Creditors of such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors to make their Appearance, by themselves or their Attornies; and the said Creditors being so met, it shall and may be lawful for the Judges of said Superior Court then present, to examin the Demands of each of the Creditors, which being done, a Majority of the Creditors in Number and Value then present, by themselves or Attornies, shall and may have Liberty to petition the said Judges, praying, that they, the Creditors, may nominate and appoint three good Men as Commissioners or Assignees: But if the Creditors, after having been notified as aforesaid, neglect to make their Appearance before said Judges, to nominate Commissioners as aforesaid, that then the said Judges shall proceed to appoint three good discreet Men as Commissioners, unto whom the said Insolvent Debtor or Debtors shall forthwith make, seal, and deliver one or more full, perfect, and absolute Assignment or Assignments, Deed or Deeds, Conveyance or Conveyances, of all and every such his, her, or their Estate or Estates, both real and personal, as above mentioned, so as to vest in the said Commissioners or Assignees, a full, free, clear, and absolute Estate, and enable them, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, to grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoffe, convey, and confirm the same, or any Part or Parcel thereof, unto a Purchaser or Purchasers, his, her, or their Heirs and Assigns for ever, by one or more Deed or Deeds, Conveyance or Conveyances, or otherwise, as by Council learned in the Law, shall be devised, advised, or contrived, to and for the giving and creating in the Purchaser or Purchasers, his, her, or their Heirs and Assigns, such Estate as the Debtor or Debtors, had in the Thing or Things, so disposed of at the Time of surrendering his, her, or their Estate or Estates, unto the Commissioners or Assignees, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and the Laws and Statutes of that Part of *Great-Britain* called *England*.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and as soon as any Insolvent Debtor or Debtors shall have complied with, and performed all and every the Act and Acts, Duty and Duties, hereby made incumbent on him, her, or them, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, Record thereof shall be made, and the Commissioners in open Court, shall take an Oath, or give their solemn Engagements, honestly and faithfully to behave and perform the Trust unto them committed; and a Record thereof being made, the Court shall issue and give a written Order unto the Sheriff of the County where such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors shall live or be confined, directing him to discharge and set the said Insolvent Debtor or Debtors at Liberty, which shall not only justify the Sheriff for so doing, but operate to all Intents and Purposes, as a full and perfect Acquittance, Release, or Discharge, made and executed by such Creditor_

ditor or Creditors, to such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, whether committed by Execution, mean Process, or otherwise chargeable, of and from all Debts, Duties, Contracts, and Demands, of every Nature and Kind whatsoever, that shall be at that Time outstanding against him, her, or them, Debts due to the Crown only excepted ; and when the Insolvent Debtor or Debtors have se- creted or absconded him, her, or themselves as aforesaid, and not being in the Custody of the Sheriff, have petitioned as aforesaid, and complied with the Terms and Conditions specified in this Act, he, she, or they, shall be intitled to all the Benefits of the same ; and the said Court is hereby impowered and directed to cause Re- cord thereof to be made, and order their Clerk to give a final Dis- charge to such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, which shall operate to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as in the foregoing Dis- charge of Insolvent Debtors in the Custody of the Sheriff, and be in full of and from all Debts, Duties, and Demands whatsoever, that shall be at that Time outstanding against him, her, or them, Debts due to the Crown only excepted.

PROVIDED Always, and it is hereby Enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, nor any Clause or Article thereof, shall be construed or extended, or be deemed to extend unto any Debt, Duty, Claim, or Demand, that any Person or Persons shall then have due, owing, payable, or coming of or from the Ancestor or Ancestors of any such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, but that all and every the Estate and Estates which he, she, or they hold, or might hold by Descent, as Heir at Law, or by Devise, in and by the last Will and Testament of any Ancestor or Ancestors, shall be liable to an Attachment, or Writ to be sued out against such Debtor or Debtors, as Heir or Devisee, and be liable to Judgment and Execution, and be sold agreeable to the Statutes aforesaid, and the Laws of this Colony in such Cases made and provided.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That as soon as such Assignment or Assignments, Deed or Deeds, Convey- ance or Conveyances, are made as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners appointed as aforesaid, to re- ceive and take into Possession, all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of the Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, assigned, conveyed, or made over unto them for the Use and Purpose aforesaid, and the same to sell and dispose of in that Manner which they the said Commissioners shall think best, and most for the Advantage of the Creditors : But before any Sale or Disposition, they are hereby directed, and it is required of them to give Notice in Manner as is herein before prescribed, unto all Persons, to send or bring in and prove his, her, or their respective Demands, within nine Months from the Day whereon the said Commissioners were appointed ; and if it shall happen, that the Time of nine Months limited as aforesaid, be found too short for the Commissioners to settle and adjust all Accounts subsisting be- tween such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, and his, her, or their
Creditor

Creditor or Creditors, that then, and in that Case, it shall and may be lawful for the Judges of the Superior Court, upon Application for that Purpose to them made by the said major Part of the Creditors, to lengthen or enlarge the Time for their going through and finishing the Business, just as the Court shall find necessary, or think convenient, and at the Expiration of nine Months, shall pay out to each Creditor his proportionable Part of the neat Proceeds of said Insolvent Debtor's Estate, according to his just Demands, having first deducted the Cost and Court Dues, and all other lawful Charges, before any Division be made.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Creditor or Creditors shall refuse or neglect to bring in and prove his, her, or their respective Demands, within the Time limited by this Act, or farther enlarged by the Court as aforesaid, that then, and in that Case, he, she, or they, shall not have any Action or Suit, at any Court within this Colony; and that this Act being pleaded in Bar, shall be sufficient to bar the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners may sue in their own Names for the Recovery of any Estate or Estates, real or personal, of or belonging unto such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, and on Recovery or Recoveries, in any Action or Actions, shall dispose what shall be obtained by such Suit or Suits, unto and for the Advantage of the Creditors of such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors; and if it shall happen, that any real Estate hath been mortgaged, or otherwise pledged, the Equity of Redemption shall be vested in the Commissioners, in the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as it was in the Mortgager or Grantor.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Clerk of any Superior Court, shall neglect or refuse to give public Notice in the Affair of any Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, as by this Act is directed or required, he shall forfeit and pay unto such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, and each of them, who by such his Neglect or Refusal, may be injured, or suffer, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, in Bills of public Credit of the Old-Tenor, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, at any Court of Record within this Colony, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed. And in Case any Sheriff or Gaoler shall neglect or refuse to discharge and release out of Prison or Custody, any Debtor or Debtors, taking the Benefit of this Act, such Sheriff or Gaoler shall forfeit and pay unto him, her, or them, that shall be kept or detained in Custody or Prison, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, the like Sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be recovered at any Court of Record within this Colony, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed. And on the other Hand, if any Action or Suit shall be brought or prosecuted against any Judge or Judges, Sheriff or Gaoler,

Gaoler, or other Officer, for doing or performing any Act, Matter, or Thing hereby made incumbent on him or them, to be done or performed, the Defendant or Defendants may plead the general Issue, and give this Act in Evidence, and thereupon be acquitted, and recover double Costs.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Insolvent Debtor or Debtors shall be allowed to have and take out of the Estate he, she, or they are possessed of, and convert to his, her, or their own proper Use, Benefit, and Behoof, such Bedding and wearing Apparel for him or herself, his Wife, and Children, as the Commissioners shall think reasonable and necessary; and the Commissioners shall be allowed and paid for their Trouble Two and an Half per Cent. out of the Estate of such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, they the said Commissioners always keeping a regular Account of their Proceedings, and of the Sale and Disposition of all and singular the Estate and Estates, real and personal, of such Debtor or Debtors, committed to their Trust, which when demanded by the Superior Court, at the Request of any Creditor, they shall be held and obliged to render.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the aforesaid Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, who shall take the Oath or (Engagement) prescribed by this Act, shall be convicted of the wilful Breach thereof, he, she, or they so offending, shall suffer as in Case of wilful Perjury, and be esteemed infamous in all Courts of Justice for ever, and shall lose all the Advantages of this Act, and be returned to Gaol again, and there remain till he, she, or they have paid his, her, or their just Debts.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when the Judges of the Superior Court are met as aforesaid, the Creditors then present, by themselves or Attornies, shall have Liberty to make their Objections against the petitioning Debtor or Debtors having the Advantages of this Act, and if they can make it appear to the Satisfaction of said Court, that the said Debtor or Debtors have been guilty of the Breach of any Part of this Act, it shall be in the said Judges Power to reject or allow the same, as to them shall appear to be just.

T*HIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That his Honor the Governor be, and he hereby is requested and fully empowered to receive the Money granted this Colony by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, when the same shall arrive; and if it shall happen to be brought to *New-York* or *Boston*, that his Honor cause it to be transported by Land or Water to *Newport*, as he shall judge best and most safe for the Government, and cause it to be lodged in the General Treasury, giving and taking Receipts; and that the said Money lie and remain in the Treasury until farther Orders from the General Assembly.

Whereas the Commission-Officers of the third Company or Train'd-band in the Town of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That said Company is rather too small, and that the second Company or Train'd-band in said Town, is as much too large ; they therefore prayed, that a Part of the Company last mentioned, may be taken off and added to the other, by a Line to be drawn from the South-west Corner of the House of *Martin Howard*, Esq; along *Thames Street* Northerly, to the North-west Corner of *Ebenezer Vose's* dwelling House, and from thence Easterly, to the South-east Corner of Capt. *Benjamin Sherburn's* House-lot, and from thence Northerly, along the Street or Highway which leads along by the Alms-house, to the End of said Street or Highway, where it butts against the Land of *Samuel Dyre* ; and that all the Inhabitants and Residents that now belong to said second Company, living and residing to the Southward and Eastward of said Line, be added to the said third Company.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prayer of the said Officers in their aforesaid Petition made, be, and the same is hereby granted.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Forces already raised, or that hereafter may be raised by this Colony, shall be under the same Regulation, as to a General Court Martial, as the Forces in the other Governments are.

Whereas the Gentlemen who were appointed a Committee to receive the Stores, &c. at Fort *George*, of the late, and deliver them unto the present Captain of said Fort, having performed that Service, presented this Assembly with the following Report.

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being by the General Assembly appointed a Committee to receive of Capt. *James Sheffield*, all the Stores at Fort *George*, and to deliver the same to Capt. *William Mumford*, Do REPORT : We have, in the Presence of Capt. *James Sheffield*, delivered to Capt. *William Mumford* (as per his Receipt) all the Stores agreeable to this List hereto annexed, viz.

26 Cannon, and 26 new Carriages with Iron Wheels, and 1 new Carriage without Wheels, sundry old Carriages, and sundry old Wheels, 9 old Cannon, 1770 Cannon Shot, 72 new Crab Hand-spikes, 21 old Handspikes, 1 speaking Trumpet, 13 Worms, 17 Spung-staffs, 1 Flag, and 1 Pendant, 1 Grindstone, 2 Iron Crows, 8 Iron Pots, 1 Wood Ax, 1 Frying Pan, 28 Pistols, 17 Small Arms, 28 Linch Stocks, 1 Drum, 9 Cartridge Boxes, 8 Ladles, 9 Powder Horns, 18 Cartouch Boxes, 4 half Barrels of Granado Shells, 1 Cask of Pistol Cartridge, 5 Formers, 4 Cutlasses, a Parcel of Pistol Ball, 1 Prospective Glass, 11 Chairs, and 1 Table,

16 Sheep Skins, 1 Gin, 1 large Block, 1 large Fall, 1 Pair of Slings, Part of a Barrel of Tar, Part of a Barrel of Fat, a Parcel of Match, 92 half Barrels of Powder, 1 Sheet of old Lead, 1 Boat and 2 Oars.

Dated Newport, May 12.
A. D. 1756.

John Tillinghast, } Committee."
Thomas Cranston, }

" Fort George in Newport.

R Eceived of the abovesaid Committee, into my Care, all the Stores agreeable to the above List. Witness my Hand, this 12th Day of May, 1756.

Wm. Mumford."

Unto which, the Committee subjoined the following Account.

" Colony of Rhode-Island,	-	-	Dr---
T O our Time and Trouble,	"	-	£. 6 0 0

John Tillinghast,
Thomas Cranston."

And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted, and that Six Pounds, the Amount of the Committee's Account, be allowed and paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Henry Lyon exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for cleaning and repairing the Small Arms, &c. to the Government belonging: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirty-six Pounds Eleven Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Henry Lyon out of the General Treasury.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to receive the Bills of public Credit last emitted by this Colony, and called Lawful Money, in all Payments into the General Treasury, at the same Rate that they now pass, and that a Rate of One Hundred Thousand Pounds be assessed and levied upon the Inhabitants of this Colony.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That George Brown, Esq; and Mr. Nicholas Brown be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for making the Work-house in Providence a House of Correction also.

Whereas

Whereas *John Gardner*, Esq; preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That *Daniel Knowles* sued him upon a Promise, in Writing made, to deliver unto said *Knowles* a Set of Bonds, given by him to the Grand Committee, in Lieu of a Set of Bonds for the same Sums given by *Jeffrey Hazzard*; but that before said *Gardner* could effect it, the Chest was removed from him to the then Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, where by some Means, said Bonds were mislaid; and because said *Gardner* could not procure said Bonds for said *Knowles*, he brought the aforesaid Suit to *Kings County Court* some Time past, where the Action was continued from Court to Court; during which Time, the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office found both Sets of Bonds, yet nevertheless, an Execution hath been sued out against the Petitioner for the Costs of said Suit, which he conceives to be a great Hardship, as no Default was in him, as a public Officer, and therefore prayed to be relieved in such Manner as this Assembly should think proper, and that the Execution may be stayed.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition aforesaid be submitted to the Examination of the Committee appointed to inspect into Mortgages and Bonds, and upon finding the Facts as therein alledged, this Assembly will direct Payment of the Costs aforesaid, to be made out of the General Treasury, and that in the mean Time Execution be stayed.

This Assembly do choose and appoint Messrs. *Thomas Browning* and *Joseph Hoxsie* Town's Committee-men for the Town of *Charlestown*, and *Richard Steere*, Esq; a Town's Committee-man for the Town of *Glocester*, in the Room of *Richard Smith*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all Vessels coming into the Port of *Newport*, which shall, after being haled by *Fort George*, presume to enter the Harbour, without having first obtained Liberty from the Captain or Gunner of said Port, shall be brought too by said Port, and be obliged to lie too, until Liberty is obtained for entering the Harbour. And the Master or Commander of such Vessel, shall pay into the Naval-Office, Four Pounds for the first Shot, Eight Pounds for the second, and for every Shot after, Twelve Pounds; and no such Vessel shall be cleared out until the same is paid: And that the Captain of said Port, or in his Absence the Gunner, inform the Naval-Officer of every Shot that shall be fired as aforesaid: And that the Captain of the Port, or in his Absence the Gunner, shall not permit any Vessel to sail out of the Harbout of *Newport*, without producing a Pass to the Captain, or in his Absence to the Gunner of said Port, *Woodmen* and *small fishing Boats* excepted.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Elisha Brown* and *Stephen Jenckes* be, and they are hereby

hereby appointed a Committee, to repair the Bridge at *Patucket Falls* in *Providence*, at the Charge of the Colony.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and by the Authority of the same, it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and it is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary, within ten Days, proclaim in Newport, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and pass'd, and send Copies of them, and of those made and pass'd last Month, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, unto each Town in the Colony ; and that this Assembly be, and is hereby adjourned to the fourth Monday of August next.

G O D *Save the* K I N G.

Published according to Order, the 21st of June, 1756. by

THO. WARD, *Secretary.*



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations* in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor, and held at NEWPORT on Tuesday the Twenty-second of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

.The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	}	JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;	}	Assst.
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPITT, Esq;		
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND; Esq;		
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;		
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;				

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;	}	Mr. Nicholas Brown,
Capt. Benjamin Wickham,		George Brown, Esq;
Peter Bours, Esq; (who was		Portsmouth ;
chosen Speaker during the		William Anthony, jun. Esq;
Absence of Mr. Speaker		Jonathan Freeborn, Esq;
Cranston).		Mr. Thomas Brownel,
Capt. Joseph Wanton, jun.		Warwick ;
Capt. William Mumford.		Col. Benoni Waterman,
Mr. William Read.		Mr. Daniel Greene,
- Providence ;		Capt. Randal Rice,
Mr. Elisha Brown,	Capt. James Greene.	
	K	Westerly ;

Westerly ;
 Maj. *Joshua Clarke*,
 Mr. *Samuel Ward*.
 Newshoreham ;
 None.
 North-Kingstown ;
 Mr. *Thomas Allen*,
Samuel Albro, Esq;
 South Kingstown ;
 Mr. *Henry Gardner*,
 Mr. *Joseph Haszard*.
 East-Greenwich ;
 Lieut. Col. *Isaac Gardner*.
 Jamestown ;
 Capt. *William Haszard*,
 Mr. *Edward Carr*.
 Smithfield ;
Thomas Owens, Esq;
 Scituate ;
Job Randal, Esq;
Gideon Harris, Esq;
 Gloucester ;
John Walton, Esq;
Silas Williams, Esq;
 Charlestown ;
 Col *Christopher Champlin*,
 Capt. *Robert Potter*.
 West-Greenwich ;
Jeremiah Ellis, Esq;

Mr. *Samuel Dyre*.
 Coventry ;
Caleb Greene, Esq;
 Mr. *Job Greene*.
 Exeter ;
 Capt. *John Weight*,
 Mr. *Benoni Gardner*.
 Middletown ;
Thomas Gould, Esq;
 Capt. *William Turner*.
 Bristol ;
 Maj *Thomas Greene*,
Nathaniel Fales, Esq;
 Tiverton ;
 Mr. *Thomas Howland*,
 Mr. *John Brown*.
 Little-Compton ;
 Mr. *Richard Brownel*,
 Mr. *Thomas Church*.
 Warren ;
 Capt. *Josiah Humphreys*,
 Capt. *Benjamin Barton*.
 Cumberland ;
John Dexter. Esq;
 Capt. *David Whipple*,
 Richmond ,
Stephen Richmond, Esq;
 Cranston ;
Joseph Harris, Esq;

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS *Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,*
 That the Committee of War be, and they are hereby directed
 and fully empowered to provide fresh Victuals, at the Colony's Ex-
 pence. for such of His Majesty's Troops coming from *England*. as
 shall arrive in this Colony ; and likewise to furnish the Officers,
 who may have Occasion to go from Place to Place, with all Ne-
 cessaries for travelling by Land, in Case there are no Means of go-
 ing by Sea, agreeable to His Majesty's Instructions now before this
 Assembly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,
 That *James Honyman*, *Thomas Cranston*, and *Peter Bours*, Esqrs. be,
 and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill
 for preventing the Depretiation of the Paper Currency in this Co-
 lony, and present the same unto the General Assembly at their
 next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,
 That the Colony will bear and pay one Half of the Charges, of
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all necessary Repairs and Additions that shall be made by the Town of *Newport*, to their Pest-house standing on *Coaster's-Harbour Island*; and that *Obadiah Brown*, Esq; Capt. *Benjamin Wickham*, and Mr. *Samuel Dyre* of *Newport*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to ascertain what Repairs and Additions are necessary.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *James Honyman* and *Nicholas Cooke*, Esqrs. Col. *Benoni Waterman*, and Mr. *Samuel Ward*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for preventing the Exportation of Provisions and warlike Stores out of this Colony

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *James Honyman* and *Nicholas Cooke*, Esqrs. Capt. *Benjamin Wickham*, *George Brown*, Esq; and Maj. *Thomas Greene* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for preventing the Exportation of Provisions and warlike Stores out of this Colony, that the *French* may not be supplied therewith, and present the same unto this Assembly as soon as may be.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *William Thurston Gardner* be, and he is hereby chosen and appointed Deputy Commissary of the Forces raised, and to be raised by this Colony, for the Expedition against *Crown-Point*: That he assist Mr. *Rufus Hopkins*, the Commissary of said Forces, and be allowed One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor *per Month* for his Service.

AN ACT for the more effectual Obstruſting the Exportation of Provisions and warlike Stores out of this Colony.

*W*Hereas the former Acts heretofore made and now subsiſting in this Colony, with Regard to the Reftraining the Exportation of Provisions or warlike Stores at this critical Conjunſture, from this Colony, have not fully answered the Purposes thereby intended,

*B*E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Collector of His Majesty's Customs within this Colony, shall not clear any Vessel laden wholly or in Part, with Provisions or warlike Stores, except so much only as may be for the proper Use of such Vessel or Vessels. But for as much as it is absolutely necessary that Provisions be allowed to be exported to *Nova-Scotia* or *New-York*, for the Subsistence of His Majesty's Troops, as well as for the Use of such of His Majesty's Ships as may happen to be there: Therefore be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Collector of His Majesty's Customs within this Colony, shall be, and is hereby permitted and allowed to clear out any Vessel or Vessels bound to *Hallifax*, *Annapolis*, or *Chignecto* in *Nova-Scotia*, or to the Province of *New-York*, the Master thereof first making Oath or Affirmation, that he is bound to one or other of said Places, and no other,

other, and intends truly and *bona Fide*, to land the whole of the Provisions or warlike Stores, laden or to be laden on Board his Vessel there, and in no other Place whatsoever ; and also giving Bond to the King, in the Penalty of One Thousand Pounds Sterling, with two sufficient Sureties, to land the whole of the Provisions and warlike Stores, laden on Board his Vessel, at *Hallifax*, *Annapolis*, or *Chignecto*, in *Nova-Scotia*, or in *New-York*, and in six Months from the Date of such Bond, to return a Certificate of the Landing of the same, from the principal Officer of His Majesty's Customs there, to the Collector of the Port of *Newport*.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case Application be made by the Governors of any of the *British* Colonies or Plantations, to the Governor of this Colony, setting forth the Want of Provisions there, and requesting Permission for reasonable Quantities to be shipp'd to them, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Council, on such Application, to grant Permission for a reasonable Quantity, to supply the Necessities of the People of such Colonies and Plantations ; and in such Cases, the Certificates of landing the same, shall be from the Commander in Chief of such Colony only.

A N D as a farther Security for the Preventing any Provisions being exported to any Port or Place whatsoever, excepting as is before excepted, *It is Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That* previous to any Clearance of any Ship or Vessel, being obtained from the Collector and Naval-Officer as aforesaid, that the Owner or Owners, together with the Master of every Ship or Vessel, shall be obliged to make Oath or Engagement, before an Assistant, or one of the Judges of either the Superior or Inferior Courts, that the said Ship or Vessel hath not on Board, any other Provisions or warlike Stores, than what is allowed of by this Act ; and also, shall farther make Oath or Engagement, that he will not take on Board, nor suffer to be taken on Board, directly or indirectly, after such Clearance obtained, any Provisions or warlike Stores, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act ; and which shall accordingly be certified in Writing, by such Officer before whom such Oath or Engagement shall be made, to the Collector and Naval-Officer, before they shall clear out said Ship or Vessel ; and if any such Person or Persons shall make any false Oath or Engagement, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, he or they shall forfeit Five Thousand Pounds current Money of this Colony of the Old-Tenor, one Half to and for the Use of said Colony, and the other Half to and for the Use of him or them, who shall inform and sue for the same as aforesaid ; and also suffer all the Pains and Penalties as in other Cases of wilful Perjury, being thereof lawfully convicted before a Court of Record in the County where the Offence shall be committed, and who hath Cognizance of the same.

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AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person or Persons who shall know of any Breach of this Act. may make Information thereof to either of their Honors the Governor or Deputy Governor, or to any Assistant, Justice of the Superior or Inferior Court, Justice of the Peace, or Warden, of any Town in this Colony, who are hereby directed, and each of them is fully impowered to issue a Warrant or Warrants to the Sheriff or his Deputy, requiring him on Sight, to go on Board and search any Vessel or Vessels, suspected to have any Thing on Board contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act ; and if the Sheriff or his Deputy be denied Admittance on Board such Vessel or Vessels, he shall immediately apply to the Captain of the Fort, who hereby is directed to stop said Vessel from going out of the Harbour, until she be properly searched ; and that the Person or Persons so resisting the Sheriff or his Deputy, shall forfeit Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, one Half to the Use of the Colony, and the other Half to the Use of him or them who shall inform and sue for the same as aforesaid.

PROVIDED Nevertheless, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, That no Part of it shall extend, or be deemed to extend, to prohibit the Exportation of Sheep, Hogs, and Poultry, to any of the English West-India Islands.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Penalties by this Act made, be recovered by Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record in this Colony.

AND be it further Enacted, That all Acts heretofore made, for restricting or prohibiting the Exportation of Provisions out of this Colony, be, and they are hereby repealed, and made null and void ; and that this Act be immediately published, and a Copy thereof sent to the Custom-House and Naval-Office.

Which was done accordingly, the 24th Day of June, 1756, by

THOMAS WARD, *Secret.*

WHEREAS Peleg Rogers, Richard Wilson, and Daniel Dunham, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for sweeping, cleaning, and looking after the Colony-House in Newport the last Year, for attending on the Glasier when repairing the Windows of said House, and for two Brooms by them purchased and used in and about said House : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-six Pounds Eight Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Peleg, Richard, and Daniel, out of the General Treasury.*

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Nicholas Easton, Peter Bours, George Brown, and John Dexter,
L Esqrs,

Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to consider what Addition is necessary to be made to the Fees of the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature in this Colony.

An A C T empowering the General Treasurer to call special Courts, for the Recovery of any Sum or Sums of Money which ought to be gathered and paid into the General Treasury.

WHEREAS it often has been, now is, and hereafter may be the Case, that Collectors of Rates neglect to gather and pay into the General Treasury, the Rates and Taxes unto them committed, which is not only a Breach of Trust in said Officers, but may prove very injurious to the Public.

For Remedy whercof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That when and as often as any Collector or Collectors of Rates or Taxes, do or shall refuse or neglect to collect and pay into the General Treasury, any Rate or Rates, Tax or Taxes, unto him or them committed, it shall and may be lawful for the General Treasurer of this Colony, for the Time being, and he is hereby directed and fully empowered to call a special Court or Courts, and the Offender or Offenders, to sue, implead, and pursue unto final Judgment and Execution, agreeable to the Law of this Colony, which enables the Justices of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas to hold special Courts on certain Occasions.

AND be it further Enacted, That all Warrants which the several Collectors of Rates or Taxes, in this Colony now have, be still continued in Force ; and that the said Collectors of Rates be, and they are hereby authorized and fully empowered to make Distrainment on the Goods and Chattels of all and every Person and Persons who shall refuse or neglect to pay his, her, or their Rate or Rates, Tax or Taxes ; and where no such Goods and Chattels are to be found, to commit the delinquent Person or Persons unto any of His Majesty's Gaols in this Colony, until such Rate or Rates be paid ; but this Act shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the General Treasurer from immediately prosecuting any delinquent Collector or Collectors of Rates.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Samuel Albro, Esq; Mr. Jonathan Nichols Innholder, Capt. Josiah Arnold: and Capt. William Haszard, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to consider the Circumstances of the several Ferries in this Colony, and also whether it be reasonable to raise the Prices of Ferriage, and if so. how much.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred Men, exclusive of Officers, be forthwith raised by
Enlistment,

Inlistment, to join the Forces already raised by this Colony, and sent upon the Expedition against *Crown-Point*; and that *Obadiab Brown*, *Job Randal*, *John Dexter*, and *John Walton*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for that Purpose, and present the same unto this Assembly as soon as may be.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; *Peter Bours*, Esq; *John Tillinghast*, Esq; and Capt. *Benjamin Wickham* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Clerk of the Lower House be, and he is hereby added unto the Committee that was appointed to examin the Accounts of those Gentlemen that were appointed to pay the Charges of the last Expedition that was undertaken to reduce *Canada* unto the Obedience of His Majesty, and to receive the Money belonging unto the Colony, which is in the Hands of said Gentlemen.

Whereas Col. *Joseph Champlin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account amounting to Twenty-six Pounds Ten Shillings, charged against the Colony, for Planks, Nails, Carting, Labor, &c. by him furnished and provided, to repair *Paucatuck Bridge*, by Order of the General Assembly. And this Assembly having duly examined said Account, do allow Twenty-three Pounds thereof, and order the same to be paid the said *Joseph Champlin* out of the General Treasury.

AN ACT for raising, subsisting, and paying One Hundred Men, in Addition to those already raised by this Colony, and sent on the Expedition designed to *reduce the French Forts on Lake Champlain* to the Obedience of His Majesty.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That One Hundred Men, exclusive of commission'd Officers, be forthwith inlisted into the Service of this Colony, divided into two Companies of Fifty Men each, and sent and joined unto the Forces already raised by said Colony, and now in actual Service, under the Command of Col. *Christopher Harris*.

AND for the more speedy raising, inlisting, and conducting the said two Companies, Be it farther Enacted, That the Committee of War, or any two of them, be, and are hereby authorized and fully impowered to issue and grant inlisting Warrants to such and so many Persons as they shall think proper, to inlist the hundred Men aforesaid; and that his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to commissionate one Captain and two Lieutenants for each Company, when inlisted; which Captains and Lieutenants shall be selected out of the aforesaid inlisting Officers, by the Committee of War.

AND

A N D for encouraging One Hundred Men to inlist into the Service aforesaid, *Be it further Enacted*, That there shall be given unto each able-bodied Man that shall inlist as aforesaid, the same Bounty, Wages, Privileges, Benefits, and Immunities, as have been granted to those now in the Service of this Colony, and gone upon the Expedition aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted, That the commission'd Officers of the aforesaid Companies shall have and receive the same Wages, and enjoy equal Privileges, Benefits, and Immunities, with those of the same Rank that are already gone in the Service aforesaid.

A N D for the more speedy Payment of the Bounties and Wages aforesaid, and providing necessary Stores, the Committee of War is hereby impowered to draw out of the General Treasury, such Sum and Sums of Money from time to time, as they shall think proper ; and if there be not a Sufficiency in the Treasury, that the said Committee of War and General Treasurer, or either of them, be, and is hereby impowered to hire from time to time, so much Money as they shall think proper, giving no more than *Ten per Cent. per Annum* for Interest.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Brownel, jun.* be, and he is hereby chosen Captain, *Isaac Simmonds*, Lieutenant, and *James Peirce* Ensign, of the Company or Train'd-band, in the Town of *Little-Compton*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof. It is Enacted, That it is the true Intent and Meaning of the Act made and pass'd at this Session of Assembly, for the more effectual Obstrueting the Exportation of Provisions and warlike Stores out of this Colony, that Fish is not comprehended in the Article of Provisions mentioned in said Act.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and by the Authority of the same, it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and it is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary publish by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten, and send unto each Town, a Copy, according to Law, within thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned unto the fourth Monday of *August* next.

G O D Save the K I N G.

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THO. WARD, Secretary.

A true Copy duly examined



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA* ; begun and held at *Newport* by Adjournment, on the fourth Monday of *August*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, and in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second. by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	} Affs.	JEREMIAH LIPPITT, Esq;	} Affs.
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
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ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	
JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;		The SECRETARY.	

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	{	George Brown, Esq;
Capt. Benjamin Wickham,		Portsmouth ;
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Peter Bours, Esq;		Mr. Thomas Brownel,
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Capt. William Mumford.		Warwick ;
Mr. William Read.	{	Col. Benoni Waterman,
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Mr. Elisha Brown,	{	Capt. Randal Rice,
Mr. Nicholas Brown,		Capt. James Greene.
Henry Harris, Esq;	{	

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Mr. Samuel Ward.	Mr. Job Greene.
Newshorcham ;	Exeter ;
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Mr. Thomas Allen,	Thomas Gould, Esq;
Samuel Albro, Esq;	Capt. William Turner.
South-Kingstown ;	Bristol ;
Mr. Henry Gardner,	Maj. Thomas Greene,
Mr. Joseph Haszard.	Nathaniel Fales, Esq;
East-Greenwich ;	Tiverton ;
William Spencer, Esq;	Mr. Thomas Howland,
Jamestown ;	Mr. John Brown.
Capt. William Haszard,	Little-Compton ;
Mr. Edward Carr.	Mr. Richard Brownel,
Smithfield ;	Mr. Thomas Church.
Thomas Owens, Esq;	Warren ;
Capt. John Sayles, jun.	Capt. Josiah Humphreys,
Scituate ;	Capt. Benjamin Barton.
Job Randal, Esq;	Cumberland ;
Glocester ;	John Dexter, Esq;
John Walton, Esq;	Capt. David Whipple.
Silas Williams, Esq;	Richmond ;
Charlestown ;	Capt. William Clark, jun.
Col Christopher Champlin,	Stephen Richmond, Esq;
Capt. Robert Potter.	Cranston ;
West-Greenwich ;	Joseph Harris, Esq;
Jeremiah Ellis, Esq;	Mr. Christopher Lippitt.
Mr. Samuel Dyre.	

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

AN ACT for naturalizing *Guillaume Albrespy*.

*W*HEREAS *Guillaume Albrespy*, a Subject of the French King, now residing at Newport aforesaid, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That for several Years last past, he hath made the City of New-York his Home, having sailed several Voyages out of that Port : That he is desirous to settle and continue in some one of the English Plantations, and become a Subject of his Britannic Majesty ; and thereupon prayed, that an Act of Naturalization may be passed in his Favor by this Assembly, for that Purpose.

On Consideration whereof,

*B*E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said *Guillaume Albrespy* be, and he is hereby naturalized, and forever hereafter shall be adjudged,

adjudged, deemed, and taken to be naturalized to all Intents and Purposes, and by this Act is rendered and made equal in every Respect, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony, he, the said *Guillaume Albrespy* taking the Oaths prescribed by Law.

And afterwards, to wit, on the twenty-fifth Day of this Instant *August*, the said *Guillaume Albrespy*, in his own proper Person, came before his Honor the Governor and his Council, in the Council Chamber assembled, and in their Presence took and subscribed the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, at their Sessions holden at *Newport* in the Months of *May* and *June* last, and furnishing Paper for that Service: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Three Pounds Six Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury. r

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *James Honyman*, *Obadiah Brown*, *Jeremiah Lippitt*, and *Job Randal*, Esqrs. with Messrs. *Elisha Brown* and *Nicholas Brown*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration his Honor the Governor's Message unto this Assembly, and prepare a Bill agreeable thereto, and present the same as soon as may be.

That which follows, contains a Copy of the Message referred to in the preceding Vote.

“ TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Gentlemen,

PUBLIC Affairs, of the greatest Importance to the Honor and Interest of this Colony, must receive their Determination from your Resolutions at this Time.

The Money granted by the *British* Parliament to the Colonies of *New-England*, *New-York*, and *New-Jersey*, being now arrived in *America*, the Manner in which this Colony's Proportion of it shall be applied to the *Calling in and Sinking the Bills heretofore ordered to be sunk by it*, must now be ascertained.

The Bills of Credit last emitted by this Colony, being so much obstructed in their Circulation by many, *whose Designs seem Calculated to ruin the public Credit of the Colony, with which its Constitution must also sink*, it is become absolutely necessary, either to call in and sink those Bills immediately, or find some other Expedient to give them Credit.

The Money already provided for carrying on the present Expedition against *Crown-Point*, being wholly exhausted, and our Forces like to continue some Time longer abroad, where they must be provided for, and at their Return, will reasonably demand their Wages; and many Expences already accrued, not
being

being paid, some Method must be taken to supply the General Treasury with Money sufficient for those Purposes.

These, with such other Things as are in Course before you, will come under your Consideration at this Session.

Council Chamber, Newport,
23d August, 1756.

STEP. HOPKINS."

Whereas *John Tillingbast, Thomas Cranston, James Sheffield, and Peter Bours*, Esqrs. were by the General Assembly at their Session holden in *South-Kingstown* the last Monday of *February* last, appointed a Committee to burn Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Pounds, at that Time lodged in the General Treasury, and having performed that Service, presented this Assembly with the following Report.

"AGREEABLE to an Act of the General Assembly, passed at their Sessions in *February*, 1756, do Report, That we have exchanged with the General Treasurer, the Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Pounds for *Crown-Point* Money (said Money was Part of the Twenty-five Thousand Pounds Rate) and have burnt the same: As witness our Hands in *Newport*, *March* 4. 1756.

Test. *Benj. Nichols*.

John Tillingbast,
Thomas Cranston,
James Sheffield,
Peter Bours, } Committee.

Crown-Point Money burnt.

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And this Assembly having duly examined and considered said Report, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby accepted.

Whereas *Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours, and James Sheffield*, Esqrs. were appointed a Committee to examine the Sixteen Pounds Counterfeit Bills that were lodged in the General Treasury, in order to be exchanged by the Money paid in there by *John Cogswell* for that Purpose, &c. and having performed that Service, presented this Assembly with the following Report.

"*Newport*, *March* 12. 1756.

AGREEABLE to an Act of the General Assembly, we the Subscribers, do Report. That we have examined the *Sixteen Pound Counterfeit Bills* that were lodged in the General Treasury, in order to be exchanged for Part of the good Money paid into the Treasury by *John Cogswell* for that Purpose.

And do farther Report, That we find the Number of said Bills lodged, to be One Hundred and Forty-seven, and the Money paid

paid in by said *Cogswell* for their Redemption, to be Sixteen Hundred Pounds, out of which, the Treasurer, by Act of Government, is allowed *Five per Cent.* which is Eighty Pounds for his Trouble ; the remaining Sum of Fifteen Hundred and Twenty Pounds, divided by One Hundred and Forty-seven, the Number of Bills lodged, leaves for every Sixteen Pound Counterfeit Bill, Ten Pounds Six Shillings and Nine Pence in good Money, which the Treasurer is paying, and is ready to pay to any One who hath a Right ; a List of the Persons Names being lodged in the Office. We also have burnt the One Hundred and Forty-seven Counterfeit Bills.

Thomas Cranston,
Peter Bours,
James Sheffield, } Committee.

Unto which said Report, the Committee subjoined the following Account.

Colony, - - - Dr.---

TO our Time in sorting, settling, and burning the
above Counterfeit Money, - - - £. 9 0 0

Thomas Cranston,
Peter Bours,
*James Sheffield.*¹⁵

And this Assembly having taken the said Report and Account into Consideration, and duly examined them, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be, and is hereby accepted, and that Nine Pounds, the Amount of the Account, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours,* and *James Sheffield* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Expences, whilst summoning the Members of the General Assembly that live in said County, to meet at *Newport* on the twenty-second Day of *June* last, in order to hold the Session that was at that Time had pursuant to his Honor the Governor's Warrants. And this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Arnold* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Samuel Dyre* and *Jonathan Tillinghast* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for their Time and Charge in going from *Newport* over to *North-Kingstown*, to enquire into the Circumstances of a Family that came from *Scotland* with *Capt. Ewing*, who had the Small-Pox on Board, and was fined for coming as he did. And this Assembly having duly examined said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it*

is *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samael Dyre* and *Jonathan Tillinghast* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Expences whilst summoning the Members of the General Assembly that live in said County, to meet at *Newport* on the twenty-second Day of *June* last, in order to hold the Session that was had at that Time, pursuant to his Honor the Governor's Warrants. And this Assembly having taken said Account into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriah Brown* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *William Paul*, one of the Sheriff's Deputies in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Service and Expences in notifying the Members of the General Assembly that live in said County, to meet at *Newport* on the twenty-second Day of *June* last, in order to hold the Session that was had at that Time, pursuant to the Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor. And this Assembly having taken said Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Paul* out of the General Treasury.

An ACT increasing the Allowance to the Keepers of His Majesty's Gaols in this Colony, for the Support of poor Prisoners committed at the King's Suit.

Whereas the Allowance made by the late Act of the General Assembly, for the Support of poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the King, is so small, and Provisions so dear, that said Allowance is not sufficient to support them.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Sum of Forty-five Shillings shall be allowed weekly and every Week, unto every Gaol keeper in this Colony, for the Support and Maintenance of every such poor Prisoner as abovementioned, that is now, or hereafter shall be committed to any of His Majesty's Gaols in this Colony.

Whereas Antoinne Pierre Gaudin, Bonaventure Rousseau, Jacques Turin, and Jean Vignon, Subjects of the French King, and now confined to His Majesty's Gaol in Newport, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That they, and every of them, were Residents in this Colony before the Declaration of War was made against France: That they came hither with honest and peaceable Intentions of trading, and upon no other
Account

Account whatever : That most of them have sailed out of *Newport* for several Years ; but being unfortunately here at this Juncture, they have been lately committed to Gaol, there to remain, as they apprehend, till a Flag of Truce shall be appointed to carry them to some *French* Port : That the Circumstance of their trading with the *English*, if known, as it will, should they return directly to a *French* Port in a Flag of Truce, will subject them to a severe Punishment : And therefore, as the Manner of their Return to the *French* Islands is of no Moment to any but themselves. they begg'd Leave to depart this Colony, and go by the first Opportunity to their respective Homes, by the Way of *St. Eustatia*, *St. Thomas*, *Curacoa*, or any other Neutral Port, as that Method will protect them from the Danger which they conceive may attend their going in a more direct Way : And that they are willing to submit the Vessel in which they shall embark, and the Time of their Embarkation, to the Appointment of this Assembly, &c.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Petitioners have Liberty to depart this Colony to some Neutral Port, and that the same be by and with the Consent and Direction of the Committee of War.

Whereas the Proprietors of the Ferry-places in *Newport*, *Jamestown*, *North-Kingstown*, and *South-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition, and represented, That since the General Assembly made the last Act for regulating the Prices of Ferriage, the Currency hath greatly depreciated, Provisions of all Sorts, as well as Canvas, Rigging, Iron-work, Tallow, and all other Necessaries, for keeping their Boats and Wharves in a Condition suitable to the Purpose that they were procured and made for, have risen to more than double the Prices they stood at when the Act aforesaid was made ; and thereupon prayed, the Prices of Ferriage may be augmented.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prices of Ferriage between *Newport* and *Jamestown*, and between *Jamestown* and *North-Kingstown* and *South-Kingstown*, be raised and stated at the following Prices, to wit : For a Man and Horse Six Shillings, for a drist Horse Six Shillings, a single Person Three Shillings, an Ox or neat Creature Eight Shillings, a Hog, Calf, or Sheep One Shilling, and for a Horse and Chaise, or Chair Twenty-four Shillings, the Owners of every Ferry taking Leases of the Committee that shall be appointed for that Purpose, and giving Bond for the due and faithful Performance of such their Leases.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Nicholas Easson*, *Obadiah Brown*, *Jeremiah Lippitt*, and *John Walton*,

Walton, Esqrs. together with *Mr. Samael Ward*, and *Col. Benoni Waterman*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill in Amendment of, and Addition to the several Laws of this Colony, regulating the public Rates and Taxes thereof.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *William Richmond, Esq;* *Maj. Thomas Greene, William Earl, Esq;* and *Mr. Thomas Church*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to state the Prices of Ferriage over the several Ferries in this Colony, where the same have not been already stated by this Assembly, and that they make Report as soon as may be.

And it is farther Voted and Resolved, That *William Richmond* and *Josiah Arnold, Esqrs.* *Mr. William Read* and *Capt. William Hafsard* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to lease out all the Ferries.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to lease out the Ferries, give Leases of the same for four Years.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That a public Lottery be set up by this Colony, for raising the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds*, to carry on the Building of *Fort George*, and that *Edward Scott, Esq;* with *Messrs. Augustus Johnson*, and *Martin Howard, jun.* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for that Purpose, and present the same unto this Assembly as soon as may be.

Whereas *William Pelsue* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Two Pounds Ten Shillings, by him charged against the Colony, for his Horse-hire and Time in going to his Honor the Deputy Governor, by Order of *James Honyman, Esq;* to get a Warrant for proclaiming His Majesty's Declaration of War against France: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Thirty Shillings of said Account be allowed and paid the said *William Pelsue* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Caleb Carr* be, and he is hereby chosen Lieutenant of *Fort George*, and be allowed the monthly Wages of Sixty Pounds, he finding himself, and attending there constantly both Night and Day. And that twenty Soldiers, being good and able-bodied Men, be enlisted for said Fort, to reside there also both Night and Day, and be allowed Thirty Pounds *per Month*, they finding themselves; and that said Soldiers be employed in building the Fort at all Times, when their other Duties will admit of it; and the Lieutenant hereby is directed to take particular Care to see the same performed.

Whereas

Whereas *Joshua Babcock, Jeremiah Lippitt, and Benjamin Nichols*, Esqrs. exhibited unto this Assembly the following Account.

" 1755. *Colony of Rhode-Island, to Joshua Babcock, Benjamin Nichols, and Jeremiah Lippitt,* - - Dr.---

TO signing Sixty Thousand Pounds ordered by Act of Assembly in <i>March, A. D. 1755</i> , at Half per Cent. three Quarters of which amounts to	-	£. 225 - -
To signing Thirty Thousand Pounds ordered by Act of Assembly in <i>June, A. D. 1755</i> , at Ditto.	-	150 - -
To signing Ten Thousand Pounds struck with the small Plate, ordered by the Assembly in <i>June, 1755</i> , at 20/ per Cent.	- - - -	100 - -
To signing Twenty Thousand Pounds ordered by the Assembly in <i>August, 1755</i> .	- -	100 - -
To signing Sixty Thousand Pounds ordered by the Assembly in <i>September, 1755</i> .	- -	300 - -
To signing Sixty Thousand Pounds ordered by the Assembly in <i>December, 1755</i> .	- -	300 - -
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		£. 1175 - -

Newport. Jan. 10. 1756.

Errors excepted, per { J. Babcock,
Jer. Lippitt,
Benj. Nichols."

And this Assembly having taken said Account into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Jeremiah Lippitt, Joshua Babcock, and Benjamin Nichols*, Esqrs. be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, the Sum of Eleven Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds for the Services in their said Account charged against the Colony, it being Half per Cent. agreeable to Law, exclusive of Col. *Updike's* Service in signing the Bills mentioned in the first Article of said Account.

An ACT for calling in and sinking the Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony, called *Crown-Point Bills*, and for supplying the General Treasury with Money to carry on what the Colony hath undertaken with Regard to the Expedition against *Crown-Point*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Bills made for the *Crown-Point* Expedition, called *Crown-Point Bills*, be forthwith called in and sunk; and the General Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed, upon the Possessors of said Bills bringing into the General Treasury any of them, amounting to the Sum of Six Pounds and upwards, to satisfy and pay such Possessors out of the Sterling Money by His Majesty granted to this Colony (when the same shall be receiv'd) two third Parts of said Bills at and after the following Rate or Proportion, to wit, a mill'd Dollar, or Gold according

according to its proportionate Value, for every Four Pounds Old-Tenor expressed on the Back of said Bills ; the remaining third Part of the Bills due to such Possessor, the General Treasurer shall give his promissory Note for the Payment of, in Silver and Gold, according to its Value regulated and stated as aforesaid, on or before the twenty-second Day of *December*, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, under the following Manner, to wit.

THE Possessor hereof, is intitled to, and shall receive out of the General Treasury Spanish mill'd Dollars, or Gold according to its proportionate Value, on or before the 22d Day of December, A. D. 1757. the same being for Value received ; as witness my Hand, this Day of A. D. 1756.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there be a Rate of Four Thousand Pounds lawful Money, assessed and levied on the Inhabitants of this Colony, and the same to be burnt ; and also a Rate on said Inhabitants, of the Sum of Fifty-three Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, for supplying the General Treasury ; and the same to be assessed, levied, and collected, on or before the last Day of *February* next : And that the Act pass'd by this Assembly at their last Session, for assessing and levying a Rate of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committee of War, or General Treasurer, hire the Sum of Fifty Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, for the Use of the Colony, from time to time, as Occasion may require, not giving a larger Interest than *Six per Cent.* and ascertaining the Value of the Sum hired ; which Sum shall be paid to the Persons of whom the same is hired, out of the said Fifty-three Thousand Pounds, when receiv'd by the General Treasurer.

AND it is farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case Money cannot be hired of private Persons, upon equitable Terms, within twenty Days alter the giving public Notice, that the Committee of War be authorized, and hereby are fully empowered, to cause Four Thousand Pounds of lawful Money to be impressed, all of the same Tenor with the lawful Money already made, with the Addition of the Time of its being made ; and said Bills, when struck off, shall be signed by the Committee that signed the former Bills, and put into the General Treasury for the Colony's Use, and be sunk by a Rate or Tax, within two Years.

An ACT to prevent the Currency of the Bills of public Credit emitted by the Province of *New-Hampshire*.

Whereas great Quantities of Bills of public Credit, emitted by the Province of New-Hampshire, have been lately brought into this

this Colony, not only from said Province, but also from the Colony of Connecticut, which, with great Sums of counterfeit Bills, in Imitation of the true Bills of public Credit emitted by said Province, inadvertently received by the Inhabitants of this Colony, have not only had a great Tendency towards the Depretiation of our own Bills of public Credit, but the Inhabitants of this Colony have also been greatly defrauded thereby.

For Remedy whereof for the Future,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the future, the Bills of public Credit of the said Province of New-Hampshire, shall not be a Tender in Law in any Payment whatsoever ; and all Contracts and Bargains, of what Nature or Kind soever, which hereafter shall be made for the Payment of such Bills, shall be utterly void ; and that from and after the first Day of August next, if any Person or Persons shall pass or receive in Payment, any of said Bills, he, she, or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, to be recovered in any Court of Record within the County where such Offence shall be committed, by Bill, Plaint, or Information ; one Half to and for the Use of the Colony, and the other Half unto him, her, or them that shall inform and sue for the same.

Provided Nevertheless, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not extend, nor be deemed or construed to extend, to such New-Hampshire Bills as have been levied upon Execution by any of the Sheriffs or their Deputies, and are now actually in his or their Hands, but the same shall be received by the Person or Persons for whose Use they were levied, if tendered to him, her, or them by such Officer, within twenty Days after the Publication of this Act.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all the Acts heretofore made and passed by the General Assembly of this Colony, to prohibit the sending of Provisions and warlike Stores, be, and they, and every of them, are hereby repealed, and made utterly void and of none Effect, excepting those Parts of said Acts which prohibit the exporting Provisions and warlike Stores to the West-India Neutral Islands : And provided, that the Paragraphs of the Acts above-mentioned, that prohibit the sending Provisions and warlike Stores among the French, be not repealed.

Whereas *James Sheffield, Esq;* who was one of the Committee appointed to pay off the Soldiers that were raised for the Expedition last intended against *Canada*, exhibited unto this Assembly the following Account, with the Indorsment thereon.

Dr.

“ Dr. ---Mr. James Sheffield, *his Account with the Colony.*

TO half the Ballance that was found due to the Colony, upon settling the Muster-rolls in the *Canada Expedition*, with *George Wanton, Esq;* in the Year 1747. - - - £. 554 17 1
Creditor.

BY Cash paid *John Bowles* since the Muster-rolls were settled, - - - £. 31 8 0
By Commissions on £. 6526 at One and Half per Cent. - - - 50 0 0
By Cash paid *Thomas Richardson* Gen. Treasurer, 473 9 1
£. 554 17 1

The above Account was drawn and settled by *Thomas Cranston*, July 8. 1756.

Indorsed, August the 25th, 1756.

THen receiv'd of Capt. *James Sheffield*, the Ballance of the within Account, being Four Hundred Seventy-three Pounds Nine Shillings and One Penny.
£. 473 9 1 per *Tho. Richardson*, Gen. Treasr."

And this Assembly having duly examined and considered the aforesaid Account and Receipt, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Receipt shall operate, and be a full Discharge unto the said *James Sheffield*, as he was a Committee-man as is aforesaid.

An A C T for opening and setting up a public Lottery to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, to be appropriated towards building Fort George on Goat-Island, in the Township of Newport.

Whereas there is the greatest Necessity at this Time, of putting the Colony in a proper Posture of Defence, and a farther Sum for building the Fort is wanted.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That a public Lottery be opened and set up in this Colony, of One Hundred Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, according to the following Scheme, to raise the aforesaid Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the Purpose aforesaid; and that said Lottey be drawn at two different Times, each drawing to consist of Ten Thousand Tickets, at Five Pounds Old-Tenor each, Two Thousand Five Hundred and Ten of which, to be fortunate, and subject to no Deduction, and Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety to be blanks. The first Drawing to commence at the Court-House in the Town of *Newport*, on the first Monday of *November* next, if filled, and the second Drawing on the second Monday of *January* thence next ensuing. if filled.

Here

Here followeth the Scheme of the first Drawing.

Number of Prizes.		Value of each.		Total Value.
2	of	£. 1000	are	£. 2000
2	of	800	are	1600
4	of	500	are	2000
10	of	300	are	3000
30	of	100	are	3000
40	of	50	are	2000
100	of	30	are	3000
400	of	20	are	8000
1920	of	10	are	19200
1	First drawn	100	is	100
1	Last drawn	100	is	100
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2510	Prizes.	To be paid in Prizes, -		£. 44000
7490	Blanks.	Remains for Fort George,		5000

10000 Tickets at £. 5 - £. 50000

To the Expence of printing the Tickets and drawing, 1000

£. 50000

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Scheme of the second Drawing be the same as the foregoing ; and that William Ellery, Esq; Capt. Benjamin Wickham, Capt. Samuel Freebody, Messrs. Ebenezer Flagg, Robert Stevens, and Samuel Ward, Maj. Thomas Greene, and Mr. ^{Eleazar Cambridge,} ~~John Warner,~~ be, and they are hereby appointed Directors of the said Lottery, who are to be under Oath, and give Bond unto the General Treasurer, in the Sum of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds, for the faithful Discharge and Performance of the Trust committed to them ; and the said Directors are hereby directed to give Notice of the Times of drawing, by public Advertisements, fourteen Days before each drawing ; and that they have no Allowance for their Trouble.

Whereas his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun, General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North-America, hath by his Letter of the twentieth of this Instant August, informed this Government, that His Majesty's Fort and Garrison at Oswego, together with the Naval Armament and Stores there, have fallen into the Hands of the French : This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to send one suitable Person to the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, and another to the Colony of Connecticut, to confer with them what is necessary to be done upon this extraordinary Event : And that the Committee of War, the Field Officers of every Regiment in this Colony, and the Deputies of each Town, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to make Enquiry where Provisions, Arms, Blankets, warlike and other Stores, of all Sorts, can be had for Five Hundred Men, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas the General Treasurer represented unto this Assembly, That *Hannah Sursum*, of *Newport*, Widow, unhappily took one of the first of *John Cogswell's* counterfeit Sixteen Pound Bills; which being soon discovered, she was obliged to attend the Court with said Bill, as a Witness; and that said Bill was lodged in the Clerk's Office, by Means whereof, she had not the Advantage of depositing said counterfeit Bill in the Hands of the General Treasurer, so as to be intitled to draw her Proportion of the Money by the said *John Cogswell* paid into the Treasury.

On Consideration whereof.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Hannah Sursum*, for her aforesaid Sixteen Pound Bill, shall draw out of the General Treasury her Proportion of the Money paid by *John Cogswell* as aforesaid, as the same was settled by the Committee appointed for that Purpose.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, which was, by Law, to have been begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the County of *Newport*, on the last Tuesday of this Instant *August*, be, and the same is hereby adjourned to the third Tuesday of *September* next, whereof all Parties concerned, are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session: That the Secretary publish in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within five Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned unto the sixth Day of *September* next.

G O D Save the K I N G.

The foregoing Acts and Orders were published in Newport by Beat of Drum, on the ninth Day of September, 1756. by

THO. WARD, Secr'y.

A true Copy duly examined.

WITNESS *Tho Ward Secry*



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA* ; begun and held at *Newport* by Adjournment, on Monday the sixth of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, and in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	} Affs.	JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;	} Affs.
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPITT, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	}} George Brown, Esq;	
Capt. Benjamin Wickham,		Portsmouth ;
The Speaker.		William Anthony, jun. Esq;
Peter Bours, Esq;		Jonathan Freeborn, Esq;
Capt. Joseph Wanton, jun.		Mr. Thomas Brownel,
Capt. William Mumford.	}} William Earl, Esq;	
Mr. William Read.		Warwick ;
Providence ;	Col. Benoni Waterman,	
Mr. Elisha Brown,	Capt. Randal Rice,	
Mr. Nicholas Brown,	Capt. James Greene.	
Henry Harris, Esq;		

Westerly ;

Westerly ;		Coventry ;
Maj <i>Joshua Clarke</i> ,	}	<i>Caleb Greene</i> , Esq;
Mr. <i>Samuel Ward</i> .	}	Mr. <i>Job Greene</i> .
Newshoreham ;		Exeter ;
<i>Robert Hull</i> , Esq;	}	Capt. <i>John Weight</i> ,
North-Kingstown ;	}	Mr. <i>Benoni Gardner</i> .
Mr. <i>Thomas Allen</i> ,		Middletown ;
<i>Samuel Albro</i> , Esq;	}	<i>Thomas Gould</i> , Esq;
South-Kingstown ;	}	Capt. <i>William Turner</i> .
Mr. <i>Henry Gardner</i> ,		Bristol ;
Mr. <i>Joseph Haszard</i> .	}	Maj <i>Thomas Greene</i> ,
East-Greenwich ;	}	<i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , Esq;
<i>William Spencer</i> , Esq;		Tiverton ;
Jamestown ;	}	Mr. <i>Thomas Howland</i> ,
Capt. <i>William Haszard</i> ,	}	Mr. <i>John Brown</i> .
Mr. <i>Edward Carr</i> .		Little-Compton ;
Smithfield ;	}	Mr. <i>Richard Brownel</i> ,
<i>Thomas Owens</i> , Esq;	}	Mr. <i>Thomas Church</i> .
Capt. <i>John Sayles</i> , jun.		Warren ;
Scituate ;	}	Capt. <i>Josiah Humphreys</i> ,
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;	}	Capt. <i>Benjamin Barton</i> .
<i>Gideon Harris</i> , Esq;		Cumberland ;
Glocester ;	}	<i>John Dexter</i> , Esq;
<i>John Walton</i> , Esq;	}	Richmond ;
<i>Silas Williams</i> , Esq;	}	Capt. <i>William Clark</i> , jun.
Charlestown ;	}	<i>Stephen Richmond</i> , Esq;
Col <i>Christopher Champlin</i> ,		Cranston ;
Capt. <i>Robert Potter</i> .	}	<i>Joseph Harris</i> , Esq;
West-Greenwich ;	}	Mr. <i>Christopher Lippitt</i> .
Mr. <i>Samuel Dyre</i> .		

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS the following Account was exhibited unto this Assembly by *James Sheffield*, Esq; one of the Committee appointed to build the Fort on *Goat-Island*, in the Township of *Newport*.

1755. Colony of Rhode-Island, Dr---

TO sundry Disbursements for Fort George,
as per Account shewed the Audit, £. 156 4 9
1756. To Ditto on the Outworks, as per Account
shewed Ditto, - - - 2847 4 8½
£. 3003 9 5½

per

	per Contra.	-	Cr.--
BY Cash receiv'd of the General Treasurer at sundry Times,			
	-	-	£. 2113 2 5
By 500 Bricks sold <i>Nicholas Easson</i> , Esq;	-	-	4 0 0
Ballance due to <i>J. S.</i>	-	-	886 7 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
			<hr/>
E. E. per James Sheffield.			£. 3003 9 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the above Ballance of Eight Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds Seven Shillings and one Half-penny, be paid the said *James Sheffield* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. *Benjamin Wickham*, *George Brown*, and *William Anthony*, jun. Esqrs be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive the counterfeit Bills that are in the Hands of his Honor the Deputy Governor, the Secretary, and Clerk of the lower House, and burn the same.

Whereas *Peleg Rogers*, Town Sergeant of *Newport*, and *Richard Willson*, and *Greene Rogers*, tenders upon the General Assembly, and other Courts in the County of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That their Wages are so low, and all the Necessaries of Life grown so dear, that said Wages are in no wise proportionable to their Services ; and thereupon prayed, that their said Wages may be increased.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Wages of the Tenders upon the General Assembly, and the Superior and Inferior Courts throughout the Colony, be, and the same are hereby augmented unto Thirty Shillings a Day for each Man.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session held in *Newport* on the second Tuesday of *June* last, appointed Capt. *Benjamin Wickham*, Messrs. *Nicholas Brown* and *Samuel Ward*, Maj. *Thomas Greene*, and Lieut. Col. *Isaac Gardner*, a Committee to enquire what Fines and Forfeitures are due to the Colony ; which Business has not been thoroughly compleated, *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee be, and they are hereby farther continued for that Purpose, only Col. *Benoni Waterman* is appointed in the Room of Lieut. Col. *Isaac Gardner*, who died since his said Appointment ; and that they use the best Endeavours to find in whose Hands the Fines that have not been paid into the General Treasury, are lodged.

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This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons who preferred Petitions unto this Assembly at their last Session, and by Votes thereon, obtained the Staying of Executions, shall have Liberty to give Bond as required by Law, at any Time within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which Bonds so given, shall be as good and sufficient as they would have been, if the Parties had given the same within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly from their last Session; and that all Persons who were to have been cited to appear at this present, be cited to appear at the next Session of Assembly.

Whereas there hath been laid before this Assembly, the Draught of a Receipt to be given by his Honor the Governor, when he shall receive the Money granted this Colony by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*: Which being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Draught be, and the same is hereby approved, and that the Secretary affix the Seal of the Colony to fair Copies of it, to be signed by his Honor the Governor.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Mathematical Instrument now in the Colony-House, and which was procured by Capt. *Joseph Harrison* for the Use of the Colony, be lodged in the *Redwood-Library*; but so nevertheless, that the Property thereof shall stand and remain vested in the Colony.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to accept the Bills of Exchange drawn on him by *Richard Partridge*, Esq; the Colony's Agent, in Favor of *Gideon Wanton*, Esq;

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Directors of the Lottery, set up to raise a Sum of Money for carrying on the Building of Fort George, shall be, and hereby are indemnified from all Damages that may accrue to them by Fire, from the Enemy, by receiving counterfeit Bills, or any other extraordinary Casualty, the same being made to appear by the Oath of the Person that shall sustain Damage.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Nicholas Easton*, *Thomas Hazzard*, and *John Dexter*, Esqrs. *Mr. Nicholas Brown*, and *Caleb Greene*, Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for regulating Rates and Taxes, and make Report unto this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *James Honyman* and *Jeremiah Lippitt*, Esqrs. *Mr. Samuel Ward*, and *Maj. Thomas Greene*, be, and they are hereby appointed

Committee to prepare a Bill, directing in what Manner the Subjects of the *French King* that now are, or hereafter may be Prisoners in this Colony, shall be treated ; and also prohibiting the Carrying on any Trade with the Subjects of the *French King*.

Whereas *Samael Lyndon* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, for Nails by him supplied for repairing His Majesty's Gaol in *Newport* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed; and that Ten Pounds Eight Shillings and Six Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Lyndon* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Jeremiah Lippitt, Benjamin Nichols, and Joshua Babcock*, Esqrs. exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for signing Eight Thousand Pounds lawful Money; ordered to be made by the General Assembly, at their Session held in *South-Kingstown* on the last Monday of *February* last : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Forty Pounds lawful Money, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jeremiah Lippitt, Benjamin Nichols, and Joshua Babcock*, out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Peter Bours*, Esq; *George Brown*, Esq; and Mr. *Samuel Ward*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to draw up an Address to his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, and present the same unto this Assembly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* be, and he is hereby directed to pay the Rate that was assessed on the Estate of *Samuel Bartlet*, late of *Cumberland*, deceased (which Estate the said *Samuel*, in his Life, forfeited to the Colony) out of the Money that accrued to the Colony from the Sale of said Estate.

AN ACT regulating the Prices of Ferriage, at the Ferries commonly called *Cooke's or Fogland Ferry, Howland's, Anthony's, Bristol, and Warren Ferries*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prices of Ferriage between *Portsmouth* and *Tiverton*, called *Cooke's or Fogland Ferry*, shall be as followeth : For every Man and Horse Six Shillings, for a drift Horse Six Shillings, a single Person Three Shillings, an Ox or neat Creature Eight Shillings, for every Hog, Calf, or Sheep One Shilling, and for a Horse and Chaise or Chair Twenty Shillings. And at the Ferries from *Portsmouth* to *Tiverton*, called *Howland's* and *Anthony's* Ferries, for every Man and Horse Two Shillings and Six Pence, for every drift Horse Two Shillings and Six Pence,

for every single Person Fifteen Pence, for an Ox or neat Creature Three Shillings and Six Pence, for every Hog, Calf or Sheep Six Pence, and for every Horse and Chaise or Chair Eight Shillings. At the Ferry from *Portsmouth* to *Bristol*, called *Borden's Ferry*, for every Man and Horse Five Shillings, for every drift Horse Five Shillings, a single Person Two Shillings, for every Ox or neat Creature Six Shillings, for every Hog, Sheep, or Calf Ten Pence, and for every Horse and Chaise or Chair, Sixteen Shillings.

And at the Ferries at *Warren*, called *Kelley's* and *Martin's* Ferries, for every Horse and Man Two Shillings. for every drift Horse Two Shillings, a single Person One Shilling, for every Ox or neat Creature Three Shillings, for every Hog, Sheep, or Calf Six Pence, and for every Horse and Chaise or Chair Six Shillings; the Owner or Owners of all and every the Ferries above-mentioned, taking Leases of the Committee appointed by this Assembly at their last Session, to lease out all the Ferries in this Colony, and giving Bond for the due and faithful Performance of such their Leases.

WHEREAS *Daniel Vaughan*, Gunner of *Fort George*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That all the Necessaries of Life have risen to a great Height, and his, the Petitioner's Wages, stand stated very low, so that they are no ways an adequate Reward to his Services, more especially at this Juncture, when War hath broken out between *Great-Britain* and *France*, which obliges him to give such a strict Attendance on the Duties of his Office, that he cannot possibly subsist by the present Allowance, and therefore prayed for an Augmentation of his Wages.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Wages of the Gunner of *Fort George* be augmented for the future, to the Sum of Thirty-two Pounds Old-Tenor per Month.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session held in *Newport* the fourth Monday of *August* last, made and pass'd an Act for setting up a Lottery to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, to be appropriated towards building *Fort George* on *Goat-Island*, in the Township of *Newport*, and among others, chose Mr *Elnathan Hammond* a Director, who refusing to undertake the said Business, *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That Mr. *John Tanner* of *Newport* be, and he is hereby chosen a Director of said Lottery in the Room of the said *Elnathan Hammond*; and that each of the said Directors give Bond separately for the faithful Discharge of the Trust committed to him.

Whereas *Henry Nickless* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for twenty-three Weeks

Weeks boarding *William Bridges*, one of the Witnesses against Capt. *Joseph Hughes*, by Order of the Hon. *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Nickless* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Peleg Peckham* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for twenty-two Weeks and six Days boarding *Thomas Howell*, one of the Witnesses against Capt. *Joseph Hughes* (by Order of the Hon. *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq;) Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Two Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peleg Peckham* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Gould*, Practitioner in Physick, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Estate of *Samuel Bartlet*, late of *Cumberland*, deceased, for Medicines exhibited to, and Attendance on the said *Samuel Bartlet* in his Illness; which Estate was forfeited to the Colony by the said *Samuel*. And this Assembly having duly examined said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Thirty-eight Pounds Three Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Gould* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Mr. *Augustus Johnson* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, for Horse-hire and Expences in a Journey by him made unto and from *Connecticut*, in the Government's Service: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirty-nine Pounds Six Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Augustus Johnson* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Edward Scott*, *Peter Bours*, and *Thomas Ward*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to revise all the public Laws of this Colony, which have been made and passed since the Time that they were last printed; and that they, the Committee, procure Five Hundred Copies to be printed, and get the same fitch'd in Covers of Marble Paper, at the Colony's Charge.

Whereas Mr. *Martin Howard*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, for Horse-hire and Expences in a Journey by him made unto to and from *Boston*, in the Government's Service: Which being duly examined, *This*
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Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-five Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Martin Howard, jun. out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session held in Newport on the fourth Monday of August last, appointed *William Richmond* and *Josiah Arnold*, Esqrs. Mr. *William Read* and Capt. *William Hazard*, a joint Committee, for leasing out all the Ferries in this Colony, which is attended with Inconveniency : *Be it therefore Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said Committee, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby authorized and fully impowered to perform that Service.*

Whereas the Gentlemen that were appointed a Committee, to receive counterfeit Bills in the Hands of his Honor the Deputy Governor, and others, and burn the same, having performed that Service, made the following Report, indorsed on a Copy of the Vote, by which they were so appointed.

“ PURSUANT to the within Vote, we have receiv'd from his Honor the Deputy Governor, by the Hands of *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Two Hundred Fifty-six Counterfeit Sixteen Pound Bills, for which we gave our Receipt. We also receiv'd from the Secretary, Forty-eight of Sixteen and Twenty of Four Pounds. We also receiv'd from his Honor the Governor, Four Sixteen Pound and One Eight Pound Bill. From Capt. *Job Bennet*, jun. One Sixteen Pound Bill, and from *Peter Easton*, Esq; One Eight Pound Bill, and have burnt the same. Witness our Hands, Sept. 19. 1756.

Benj Wickham,
G Brown,
Wm. Anthony, jun.”

And this Assembly having taken said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted.*

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Captain of the Fort be, and he is hereby directed to fire minute Guns at the Funeral of his Honor the ^{late} Deputy Governor; and that the Four Pound Guns be used on that Occasion, but not oft'ner than twenty Times.

Whereas by the Death of the late Hon. *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; the second Seat in Government is become vacant, and other Vacancies have happened since the last Session of this Assembly : Whereupon, both Houses resolved into a Grand Committee, and chose the following Officers, to wit ;

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The Hon. *John Gardner*, Esq; Deputy Governor for the remaining Part of the current Year ; who soon after appeared, and in the Presence of the General Assembly, took the Engagement by Law prescribed.

His Honor the Deputy Governor was also chosen one of the Committee of War, in the Room of the late Mr. *Nichols*.

This Assembly do choose and appoint the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the following List, unto the Offices ascribed to their respective Names.

Henry Rice, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*, in the Room of the late *Isaac Gardner*, Esq; deceased.

John Spencer, Esq; (Son of *William*) Major of the same Regiment, in the Room of Mr. *Rice* advanced as above.

John Davis, jun. Esq; a Justice of the Peace in and for the Town of *Newport*, in the Room of the late *Jeremiah Clarke*, Esq; deceased.

Joseph Rogers, Esq; a Justice of the Peace in and for the Town of *Exeter*, in the Room of *Joseph Holway*, Esq; who refused.

Richard Brownel, Esq; a Justice of the Peace in and for the Town of *Little-Compton*, in the Room of *Jeremiah Brownel*, Esq; deceased.

Daniel Tillinghast, first Lieutenant of the Troop of Horse in *Providence* Regiment, in the Room of *Stephen Whipple* who refused.

Benjamin Bowen (who was Cornet) second Lieutenant of said Troop, in the Room of Mr. *Tillinghast* advanced as above.

John Fenner Cornet of the same Troop, in the Room of Mr. *Bowen* advanced.

John Waterman, late Ensign of the first Company or train'd Band in the Town of *Warwick*, Lieutenant of the same, in the Room of *Simon Arnold* who refused : And

William Warner, jun. Ensign of said Company or train'd Band.

Stephen Arnold, Lieutenant of the second Company or train'd Band of the same Town, in the Room of *Nathaniel Arnold* who refused : And

William Greene (Son of *William Greene*, Esq; late Governor) Ensign of said Company.

Edward Bishop, Captain ; *Ephraim Pearce*, Lieutenant ; and *Jeremiah Steere*, Ensign of the East Company or train'd Band in the Town of *Glocester*.

Eliphalet Eddy, Captain ; *Edward Davis*, Lieutenant ; and *Joseph Colwel*, Ensign of the West Company or train'd Band in the Town of *Glocester*.

Enoch Kinyon, jun. (late Lieutenant) Captain of the Company or train'd Band in the Town of *Charlestown*, in the Room of Capt. *Peleg Cross* who refused ; *John Ladd* (late Ensign) Lieutenant, and *Elisha Clarke*, Ensign of said Company, in the Room of Mr. *Ladd*, advanced as above.

Robert Campbell, Captain ; *Simeon Draper*, Lieutenant ; and *Philip Aylsworth*, Ensign of the third Company or train'd Band in the Town of *West-Greenwich*.

John Backlin Lieutenant of the first Company or train'd Band, in the Town of *Coventry*, in the Room of *Thomas Stafford*, who refused.

Ariel Ballou (late Ensign) Lieutenant of the second Company or train'd Band, in the Town of *Camberland*, in the Room of *Elisba Ballou*, who refused ; and *Daniel Whipple*, jun. Ensign of said Company, in the Room of *Ariel Ballou*, advanced as above.

Thomas Potter, Lieutenant of the Company or train'd Band, in the Town of *Richmond*, in the Room of *Edward James*, who refused.

Philip Sheldon, Captain of the second Company or train'd Band, in the Town of *Cranston*, in the Room of Capt. *Samuel Byles*, who declined ; *William Waterman*, Lieutenant ; and *William Field*, Ensign of said Company.

WHEREAS the Works that have been begun and carried on at Fort George, for the Defence and Security of the Colony, remain still unfinished, and it is thought absolutely necessary, that said Works should continue still to be carried on farther, in order to their being rendered more compleat, as well as to secure and prevent what is already done, from falling into Ruin : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *William Mumford* and Lieut. *Caleb Carr* be, and they are hereby impowered to procure (as soon as may be) all such Materials as shall be found necessary for the Carrying on said Works ; as also to employ such a Number of Workmen as shall be necessary for the same : That the Charges thereon accruing, be paid out of the Lottery intended for that Purpose : And that the said Captain and Lieutenant perform said Services without any Expence or Charge unto the Government for their own Trouble.

An ACT for raising, subsisting, and paying a Company of Sixty Men, as a Reinforcement to the Provincial Army.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That one Company of sixty Men, including Officers, be forthwith raised in this Colony, as a Reinforcement to the Provincial Army gone, this Year, in the Expedition against *Crown-Point* : That as soon as said Company is raised, they be sent unto his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, under the Command of the following Officers, who are chosen, to wit :

Joseph Windsor, Captain ; *John Power*, jun. first, and *Benjamin Butler* second Lieutenant.

AND be it further Enacted, That if any of said Officers refuse to take the Command hereby assigned him or them, the Committee of War shall, and hereby is directed and fully impowered to appoint another or others in the Place or Places of him or them that shall so refuse.

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AND be it farther Enacted, That if the said Company shall not be filled by Inlistment, before or upon the twenty-fifth Day of this Instant *September*, the Committee of War be, and is hereby authorized and fully impowered to issue and give Orders for raising the Number of Men that shall be wanted to compleat said Company ; which shall be done in such a Manner, as they, the Committee of War, shall think most proper.

AND be it farther Enacted, That all and every the Officers and Soldiers that shall go in the present Service, shall be intitled to, have, and enjoy the same Wages, Bounty, and Immunities, which the Officers and Soldiers last raised in this Colony, were or are intitled to.

AND be it farther Enacted, That the Committee of War provide all Necessaries for said Company, as heretofore : And that for defraying the Charges thereof, the General Treasurer or the Committee of War, is hereby directed and fully impowered to hire the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, upon the Credit of the Colony, giving no more than *Ten per Cent.* Interest. And in Case the said Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds cannot be hired as aforesaid, that the Committee of War direct and order the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds Lawful Money to be struck off and signed by the Committee who signed the last Bills, which shall be redeemed and sunk in two Years, according to Act of Parliament, by a Rate or Tax to be assessed and levied on the Inhabitants of this Colony.

AND it is farther Enacted, That his Honor the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to commissionate the Officers that are, or shall be appointed to the Command of said Company.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That his Honor the Governor, and *Martin Howard*, jun. Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, and fully impowered to wait on his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, General and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in *North-America*, and congratulate him upon his safe Arrival in *America* : That they lay before his Excellency the State of this Colony, in all its Circumstances (with which his Honor the Governor is intimately acquainted), and request his Lordship's Assistance in such Matters as concern this Colony, according to the Instructions given them by this Assembly.

An ACT for prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with the *French*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Collector of his Majesty's Customs in this Colony, and also the Naval Officer, be, and they
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are hereby restricted and forbidden to clear out any Vessel for Parts beyond Sea, until the Master of such Vessel shall have made Oath or Affirmation before the Naval Officer, that he will not directly or indirectly, go with his Vessel to any Port or Place subject to, or within the Dominions of the *French* King, unless forced thereto by an Enemy, or other unavoidable Misfortune ; which Oath or Affirmation shall be certified by the Naval Officer on every Clearance that shall be given for such Vessel ; and if any Person violate his Oath or Affirmation made as aforesaid, he shall, upon Conviction thereof, before any Court of Record in the Colony, forfeit all and singular his Estate, both Real and Personal, one Half to the Person or Persons who shall inform and sue for the same, and the Remainder to and for the Colony's Use ; and such Offender shall also suffer all the Pains and Penalties of Perjury, as he should or ought, if the said Oath or Affirmation had been made in a Court of Record.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if at any Time hereafter, a Vessel shall go with or without a Clearance obtained as aforesaid, unto any Port or Place subject to, or within the Dominions of the *French* King, such Vessel, together with her Cargo, upon her return to, or arrival at *Newport*, or any other Port or Place within this Colony. shall be forfeited, one Half to and for the Use of the Colony, and the Remainder to him or them that shall inform and prosecute for the same, in any Court of Record within the Colony.

A N D for rendering this Act still more and fully effectual, *It is farther Enacted, That* all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and other Ministers of the Law whatsoever, in this Colony, be, and they are hereby directed and required to use their utmost Endeavours to discover and bring to Justice, all and every the Offender or Offenders, that shall be guilty of the Breach of this Act.

AND be it farther Enacted, That when any Person or Persons shall complain to, or inform any of the Authority aforesaid, that he or they have just Cause to suspect that a Person, who has returned to *Newport*, or any other Port or Place within this Colony, from Parts beyond Sea, hath violated this Act, 'if such Officer shall neglect or refuse to issue his Warrant against the Party so returned, for the seizing his Vessel and Cargo, until a Trial be had thereon, he shall forfeit the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, to and for the Colony's Use, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within the Colony, and forever thereafter be rendered incapable of sustaining any Post or Office therein. And the Officer to whom such Warrant is directed, if he refuse or neglect to execute the same immediately, upon Receipt thereof, shall be liable to the same Penalties, to be recovered in Manner aforesaid.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That James Honeyman, Peter Bours, and George Brown, Esqrs. be,
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and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to consider of an Allowance to be made the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, for their sitting at the Trial of Criminals, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

And it is farther Voted and Resolved, That what shall be allowed at next Session of Assembly, the said Judges shall receive the like Allowance for all criminal Cases that shall be try'd before that Time.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Officers that have receiv'd Money for the Colony's Use, shall, when they render the same into the Treasury, pay all the *Crown-Point* Bills that they receiv'd amongst said Money, and had in their Hands at the Time of passing the Act for sinking said Bills, with the Money granted to the Colony by His Majesty, and also all such Bills as they shall hereafter receive; and that they do the same on Oath or solemn Affirmation.

Whereas *John Tirel*, a Subject of the *French King*, now confined in his Majesty's Gaol in *Newport*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, setting forth, That altho' he is a *Frenchman* by Birth, yet he was educated, and continues to be a Protestant, having lived more than five Years among the *English*: That at present he hath not wherewithal to support himself, and therefore pray'd Liberty to sail out of this Place for a Livelihood, as he hath done for the two last Years, or at least grant him an Allowance sufficient for his Subsistence.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That if the Petitioner will take the Oath of Allegiance unto his Majesty King *George the Second*, he shall be discharg'd from Gaol, that otherwise, the Committee of War send him off to some Neutral Port, by the first Opportunity; and that the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* make Enquiry, whether the said *John Tirel* has any Estate. and if he has not sufficient to support himself, that he be supported at the Charge of the Colony, until he makes Oath, or is sent off.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the following Articles be, and hereby are made the Heads of the Instructions to be observed by the Commissioners appointed to go to *Albany*, and wait upon his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*.

1. That they present an Address to his Excellency in Behalf of this Colony, assuring him of their Readiness to obey and fulfil all such Orders and Directions as he shall honor them with for his Majesty's Service, agreeable to the Abilities of this Colony.

2. That they lay an exact State of the Colony before his Excellency,

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lency, as to its Fortifications, Cannon, warlike and military Stores, the Number of Inhabitants, the State of the Treasury, and Funds for supplying it.

3. That they beg his Lordship to lay their defenceless Condition before his Majesty in the most favorable Light.

4. That they pray his Lordship to afford the Colony such an Allowance for the Provisions and warlike Stores furnished by them to the Provinciel Forces the present Year, as may be agreeable to his Majesty's gracious Intentions, signified to all his Colonies by his Secretary of State.

5. That they endeavour to prevail with his Lordship, to settle and ascertain the proper and equitable Proportions and Quotas of Men, and other Aids, that each Colony ought to furnish towards the common Cause of defending their Country : That on future Requisitions, his Lordship send to each Colony for the specific Number their Duty requires them to send ; and that the Commissioners, at their Return, lay his Lordship's Determination before the General Assembly, for their Approbation or Rejection.

6. That they treat with his Lordship, in Respect to hiring of the Crown a Sum of Money, in Case the Colony should have Occasion, and think proper to hire it.

7. That the Committee receive a Commission for those Purposes, signed by the Secretary, and sealed with the Colony's Seal, by Order of the General Assembly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy Governor, *James Henymen*, and *Daniel Updike*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill respecting Persons disaffected to his Majesty, and lay the same before the General Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary publish in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within thirty, send Copies of the same, with Copies of the Acts and Orders made and past at their last Session, according to Law, unto every Town in the Colony : And that this Assembly be adjourned to the fourth Monday of *October* next, if called at said Time, by either of their Honors the Governor or Deputy Governor ; but if not called before, nor at said Time, then this Assembly shall be dissolved.

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WITNESS

Tho. Ward Secy



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA*; begun (in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor) and holden at *Newport*, on Thursday the fourteenth of *October*. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, and in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JOHN GARDNER, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	}	JEREMIAH LIPPITT, Esq;	}
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		Assist. JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
ORADIAH BROWN, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;			

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;		Providence;	
Capt. Benjamin Wickham,	}}	Mr. Elisha Brown,	}}
Peter Bours, Esq; (who was		Henry Harris, Esq;	
chosen Speaker during the		George Brown, Esq;	
Absence of Mr. Speaker	}}	Portsmouth;	}}
Cranston).		William Anthony, jun. Esq;	
Capt. Joseph Wanton, jun.		Jonathan Freeborn, Esq;	
Capt. William Mumford.	}}	Mr. Thomas Brownel,	}}
Mr. William Read.		William Earl, Esq;	
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Warwick ;		West-Greenwich ;
Col. Benoni Waterman,	}	Jeremiah Ellis, Esq;
Mr. Daniel Greene,	}	Mr. Samuel Dyre.
Capt. Randal Rice,	}	Coventry ;
Capt. James Greene.	}	Caleb Greene, Esq;
Westerly ;	}	Exeter ;
Maj. Joshua Clarke,	}	Capt. John Weight,
Mr. Samuel Ward.	}	Mr. Benoni Gardner.
Newshorcham ;	}	Middletown ;
None.	}	Thomas Gould, Esq;
North-Kingstown ;	}	Capt. William Turner.
Mr. Thomas Allen,	}	Bristol ;
Samuel Albro, Esq;	}	Maj. Thomas Greene,
South-Kingstown ;	}	Tiverton ;
Mr. Henry Gardner,	}	Mr. Thomas Howland,
Mr. Joseph Haszard.	}	Mr. John Brown.
East-Greenwich ;	}	Little-Compton ;
None.	}	Mr. Richard Brownel,
Jamestown ;	}	Mr. Thomas Church.
Capt. William Haszard,	}	Warren ;
Mr. Edward Carr.	}	Capt. Josiah Humphreys,
Smithfield ;	}	Capt. Benjamin Barton.
Thomas Owens, Esq;	}	Cumberland ;
Scituate ;	}	John Dexter, Esq;
Job Randal, Esq;	}	Capt. David Whipple.
Glocester ;	}	Richmond ;
John Walton, Esq;	}	Capt. William Clark, jun.
Silas Williams, Esq;	}	Cranston ;
Charlestown ;	}	Joseph Harris, Esq;
Capt. Robert Poster.	}	

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved That a Regiment of Four Hundred Men, including the Sixty ordered to be raised by this Assembly at their last Session, and excluding Officers, be forthwith raised in this Colony, and sent as a Reinforcement to the Forces already raised by this Colony, and gone on the Expedition against *Crown-Point*; and that *James Honyman, Jeremiah Lippitt, Job Randal, and John Walton, Esqrs.* with *Mr. Samuel Ward*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for that Purpose, and present the same unto this Assembly as soon as may be.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to write a Letter by the next Post, to his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, informing his Lordship of the true Reasons that his first Letter to this Government was not answered.

An ACT for raising, subsisting, and paying Four Hundred Men, to be sent to *Albany*, as a Reinforcement to the Army gone upon the Expedition against *Crown-Point*.

WHEREAS his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun, General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North-America, hath demanded an Aid of Men from this Colony, and at the same Time, acquainted the Government, that he hath received Information, that a large Body of French Troops were on their March towards the English Settlements.

In Compliance with his Excellency's Demand, and to the End that every Thing in the Power of this Colony may be done for the Defence of the Country,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That a Regiment of Four Hundred effective Men, exclusive of Officers, and including the Sixty lately order'd by this Assembly, to be divided into eight Companies, be forthwith raised at the Expence of the Colony, and sent to *Albany* with all possible Dispatch, to be under the Command of his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun, and continue in the Service for a Term not exceeding two Months from the Time of their Inlistment, unless the Exigency of Affairs may make their longer Continuance necessary.

AND for the more easy and expeditious Raising of said Men, *Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That his Honor the Governor forthwith issue his Warrants to the proper Officers, to call together all the Companies of Horse and Foot in this Colony, on Thursday the 21st of this Instant *October*, in order to inlist or draught out of them, a sufficient Number of Men to compleat the aforesaid Regiment: And that all male Persons, between the Years of Sixteen and Sixty, in this Colony, be, upon this Occasion, put into the Lists of the several Companies within the District of which they respectively dwell, excepting the Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, House of Deputies, Justices of the Superior and Inferior Courts, Secretary, General Treasurer, Clerks of the Superior and Inferior Courts, Sheriffs, Town-Council-men, Town Clerks, Justices of the Peace, Commission Officers in the several Troops and Companies, Ministers of the Gospel, and all those who have sustained the Offices of Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, and Justices of the Superior Courts, together with all those who have made, or shall make Oath or Affirmation, that it is against their Consciences to bear Arms.

AND, that in Case there shall not be a sufficient Number of Men, inlisted timely on Thursday, the Commission Officers are hereby required and directed, immediately to make up the said Number of Four Hundred, by impressing, or taking them by Lot, out of the several Companies, according to the following Proportion,

Proportion, that is to say, out of the Town of *Newport*, Seventy Three effective Men ; *Portsmouth*, ten ; *Jamestown*, four ; *Middletown*, seven ; *Tiverton*, thirteen ; *Little-Compton*, twelve ; *Providence*, thirty-five ; *Smithfield*, twenty ; *Scituate*, sixteen ; *Glocester*, sixteen ; *Cumberland*, ten ; *Cranston*, sixteen ; *Westerly*, twenty-four ; *North-Kingston*, seventeen ; *South-Kingston*, sixteen ; *Charlestown*, eight ; *Exeter*, fourteen ; *Richmond*, nine ; *Bristol*, ten ; *Warren*, eleven ; *Warwick*, nineteen ; *East-Greenwich*, fifteen ; *West-Greenwich*, twelve ; and *Coventry*, thirteen.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Companies of each Town, meet in one convenient Place, to be appointed by the Field Officers, or one of them, and that the Town Council attend the Muster in each Town, and ascertain the Number each Company shall furnish, agreeable to their respective Lists, towards their Town's Proportion, as stated by this Act : And that it shall be determined by a Plurality of Voices in each Company, whether its Proportion of Men be taken by Impress, or by Lot ; and if an Impress be determin'd, the Captain, or other chief Officer that shall preside, shall forthwith impress the Number required ; but if it be determined they shall be taken by Lot, every Person's Name, in the List of the Company, shall be written on a Scroll of Paper, which being rolled up, shall be put into a Hat or Box, and the Number required, shall be fairly drawn out ; and those so impressed or drawn, shall be the Men to go in this Service, and be intitled to the same Bounty and Wages as those that voluntarily enlist.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Field Officers, or the major Part of them, or in their Absence, the Town Council, be, and they are hereby impowered to excuse any Person that shall be impressed or taken by Lot, who is really unfit for Duty, or hath any other reasonable Excuse ; and that if more than one of any one Family, shall be impressed or taken by Lot, the first impressed or taken by Lot, shall be retained, and the other dismiss'd : And the Field Officers, or the major Part of them, shall order another or others to be impressed or taken by Lot, in the Room of him or them that shall be so excused : And that where any shall pay the Fine or desert, the Company out of which such Person was taken, shall be order'd by the Field Officers, to furnish another or others in his or their Stead.

AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Field or other Commission Officer, shall neglect to do his Duty, either in calling the Company together, or in procuring the Number of Men he is order'd to procure, he shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, to the Use of the Town in which he resides, to be levied by Distraint of his Goods and Chattels, as is usual in such Cases, by the Sheriff, or one of his Deputies, by a Warrant from the Governor, Deputy

Governor,

Governor, one of the Assistants, or Judges of the Superior or Inferior Courts : And that if any Person, who shall be appointed by the Commission Officers to warn in the several Companies, shall neglect doing his Duty, he shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, to and for the Use of the Town in which he resides, to be recovered in Manner abovesaid : And that if any Person, being duly warned, shall not make his Appearance, he shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, which shall be divided among the Soldiers of the Company to which the Offender belongs, who shall voluntarily enlist and go in the Service : And that any Person, who being impress'd or taken by Lot, out of any of the Companies, shall absent himself, or refuse to serve in Person, or shall not procure an able-bodied Man to serve in his Room, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, which shall be immediately levied, by a Warrant of Distress on his Estate as aforesaid, and shall also be divided among the Soldiers of that Company, who shall voluntarily enlist and go in the Service : But if the Estate of the Offender cannot be found, he shall be apprehended as soon as may be, and sent up to the Army, and there be plac'd in the Room of an Invalid of those already at the Forts.

A N D to prevent the Inconveniencies which may arise, by any of the Officers not having taken their Commissions, *Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That in Case the Captains of any of the Companies, or other of the Commission Officers, have not taken, or shall not take their Commissions timely, the Field Officers may, and they hereby are directed and required, to call such Company or Companies together, and to do the Duty, in every Respect, which ought to have been done by said Captains, or other Commission Officers.

A N D for Encouragement to all Persons to enlist in the Defence of their Country, *Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That every able-bodied Man, who will enlist, shall receive as a Bounty, the Sum of Four Pounds Ten Shillings Lawful Money, on his Enlistment, and Thirty Shillings Lawful Money Wages *per* Month, during his Service : And every Person, who shall enlist, or be impressed, or taken by Lot, and goes in this Service, shall be exempted from all Arrests, while he continues therein, except for some criminal Offence.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commission Officers furnish each Man that goes from their Company, and into the Service, with a good Blanket ; and in Case a sufficient Number cannot be procur'd by Purchase, the Deficiency shall be made up by an Impress, and the Owners shall be allowed and paid by the Committee of War, *Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, for every such Blanket purchased or impressed.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committee of War furnish the Officers in each Town, with as much Money, as shall be necessary, to pay the Bounties to the several Men requir'd of said Town ; and also furnish Money, Kettles, Powder, and Balls, together with all other necessary Stores, for their March ; and also provide Cloth, and Materials for Tents, and send the same with the Soldiers, to be made up into Tents, if wanted ; or otherwise, to be sold or sent back : And that the Committee of War be also impowered to appoint Officers, in the Room of those who may refuse to accept.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to put a Stop, until farther Orders from this Assembly, to the Removal of a Number of Arms, which they, the Assembly, have been informed are in the Town of Newport ; one whereof, hath been shewn them as a Sample.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to send Expresses to every Colonel in the Colony, and with each of those Expresses, a Copy of the Act for raising a Regiment of Four Hundred Men, to go as a Reinforcement unto the Troops raised by this Colony, and already sent in the Expedition against Crown-Point ; and his Honor is farther requested, to insert the Purport of said Act in his Warrants.

B*E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Wages of all the Soldiers now in the Service of this Colony, be altered and augmented, that is to say, each Soldier, instead of Sixteen Pounds Old-Tenor, shall be paid the Sum of Thirty Shillings Lawful Money per Month.*

B*E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, which, by Law, was to have been begun and holden at East-Greenwich, within and for the County of Kent, on the third Tuesday of this Instant October, be, and the same is hereby adjourned to the first Tuesday in November next ; whereof all Parties concerned, are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.*

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War be, and they are hereby authorized and fully impowered to purchase those Guns that his Honor the Governor hath detained, agreeable to the Request made him by this Assembly for that Purpose ; and if there be not a sufficient Number of said Guns, that the Committee purchase upon the best Terms they can, the Number that shall be wanted, to equip the Troops by this Assembly ordered to be raised ; and in Case said
Committee

Committee cannot purchase a sufficient Number, that then they be, and hereby are authorized and fully impowered to impress so many as will answer to supply the Deficiency.

Both Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers to command the Regiment by this Assembly ordered to be raised.

His Honor the Governor Colonel

Benjamin Wickham, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel.

Joseph Champlin, Esq; Major.

Caleb Hacker, Esq; Adjutant.

Joseph Belcher, Captain of the fourth

William Richmond, jun. Captain of the fifth } Company.

Joseph Windsor, Captain of the sixth

Joseph Coggeshall, Captain of the seventh

James Angel first, and *Isaac Olney* second Lieutenant, of the Colonel's Company.

Augustus Johnson first, and *Benjamin Tayer* second Lieutenant of the Lieutenant Colonel's Company.

John Taylor of *South-Kingstown* first, and *Henry Shearman* second Lieutenant of the Major's Company.

Benjamin Dunham first, and *Josias Rogers* second Lieutenant of Capt. *Belcher's* Company.

William Gardner, jun. first, and *Jeremiah Briggs* second Lieutenant of Capt. *Richmond's* Company.

Stephen Arnold first, and *Benjamin Butler* second Lieutenant of Capt. *Windsor's* Company.

Moses Warren first, and *Thomas Rathbone* (the third) second Lieutenant of Capt. *Coggeshall's* Company.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Officers of the Regiment to be raised in Consequence of the Act of this Assembly, passed for that Purpose, shall have and receive monthly Wages in Lawful Money, as followeth.

The Colonel, Fifteen Pounds.

The Lieutenant Colonel, Eleven Pounds Five Shillings.

The Major, Nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings.

And the Wages of the commissioned Officers and Adjutant, shall be the same in this, as in the Regiment now in the Field, and Six Shillings Lawful Money shall be added to the Wages of all the subaltern Officers.

Whereas the General Assembly, at two of their late Sessions, ordered the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds Lawful Money, in Bills of public Credit, to be struck off, to defray the Charges of the Expedition against *Crown-Point*; two Thousand Pounds whereof, and no more, hath been yet struck off: Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted,

That

That the remaining Four Thousand Pounds be immediately struck off for the Purpose aforesaid.

Whereas *Benjamin Wickham*, Esq; who was appointed one of the Directors of the Lottery for raising a Sum of Money towards building the Fort, hath been chosen Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment to be raised and sent as a Reinforcement, &c. This Assembly therefore do choose and appoint *Mr. Henry Ward*, and he hereby is chosen and appointed a Director of said Lottery, in said *Mr. Wickham's* Room, he the said *Henry Ward* giving such a Bond for his faithful Discharge of the Trust committed to him, as is required of the other Directors.

Whereas Thursday next hath been appointed for the Assembling of all the Companies, or train'd Bands, in the Colony, in order to the Inlistment of Soldiers for the Regiment now ordered to be raised, and no Provision hath been made, in Case of foul Weather. *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted,* That if said Day shall happen to be a rainy Day. that the Companies meet on the next Day, being *Friday*; and if *Friday* prove a rainy Day also, that then the same be deferred until the Monday following.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Assistant and Deputies in the County of *Kent*, be, and they are hereby authorized and fully empowered to choose and appoint a Captain, and also the first and second Lieutenants, for the eighth Company, of the Regiment to be raised in this Colony, as a Reinforcement to the Army gone against *Crown-Point*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary, on the eighteenth Day of this Instant *October*, publish in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders made and past at this Session, and send a Copy of the same to each Town Clerk in the Colony, within three Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned without Day.

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WITNESS

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA* : begun and held at *Providence* in said Colony, on the last *Wednesday of October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE the Second*, by the Grace of *GOD, King of Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *STEPHEN HOPKINS*, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. *JOHN GARDNER*, Esq; Dep. Gov.

NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;	} <i>Ass't</i>	JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;	} <i>Ass't</i>
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	

John Andrews, Esq; Deputy Secretary at the Opening, and the Secretary himself, during the other Part of the Session.

D E U T I E S of the several T O W N S.

NEWPORT;	}	Henry Harris, Esq;
Lieut. Col. <i>Benj. Wickham</i> ,		George Brown, Esq;
<i>Thomas Cranston</i> , Esq;	}	Portsmouth ;
<i>Peter Bours</i> , Esq;		Gideon Durfey, Esq;
Capt. <i>Joseph Wanton</i> , jun.	}	William Earl, Esq;
Capt. <i>William Mumford</i> .		Mr. Nathan Chace.
Mr. <i>William Read</i> .	}	Warwick ;
Providence ;		Col. <i>Benoni Waterman</i> ,
Mr. <i>Elisba Brown</i> ,	}	Mr. <i>Daniel Greene</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nicholas Brown</i> ,		Othniel Gorton, Esq;

Y

Capt.

Capt. <i>James Greene.</i>	Mr. <i>Samuel Dyre.</i>
Westerly ;	Coventry ;
Maj. <i>Joshua Clarke,</i>	<i>Caleb Greene, Esq;</i>
Mr. <i>Samuel Ward.</i>	Mr. <i>Job Greene.</i>
Newshoreham ;	Exeter ;
None.	Capt. <i>John Reynolds,</i>
North-Kingstown ;	Capt. <i>Simon Smith.</i>
<i>Samuel Albro, Esq;</i>	Middletown ;
South-Kingstown ;	Mr. <i>William Bailey.</i>
<i>Jeremiah Niles, Esq;</i>	Bristol ;
<i>Latham Clarke, Esq;</i>	Maj. <i>Thomas Greene,</i>
East-Greenwich ;	<i>Nathaniel Fales, Esq;</i>
<i>Joseph Nichol, Esq;</i>	Tiverton ;
Mr. <i>Thomas Casey.</i>	Mr. <i>Thomas Howland,</i>
Jamestown ;	<i>Thomas Anthony, Esq;</i>
Capt. <i>William Hafzard,</i>	Little-Compton ;
Mr. <i>Edward Carr.</i>	Mr. <i>Thomas Church,</i>
Smithfield ;	Mr. <i>Thomas Brownel.</i>
<i>Thomas Owens, Esq;</i>	Warren ;
Capt. <i>John Sayles, jun.</i>	Capt. <i>Joshua Humphreys,</i>
Scituate ;	Cumberland ;
<i>Job Randal, Esq;</i>	<i>John Dexter, Esq;</i>
<i>Charles Harris, Esq;</i>	Capt. <i>David Whipple.</i>
Glocester ;	Richmond ;
Capt. <i>John Smith,</i>	Capt. <i>William Clark, jun.</i>
<i>Richard Steere, Esq;</i>	Capt. <i>Peleg Thomas.</i>
Charlestown ;	Cranston ;
Col. <i>Christopher Champlin,</i>	<i>John Potter, Esq;</i>
<i>Gideon Hoxse, Esq,</i>	Mr. <i>Christopher Waterman.</i>
West-Greenwich ;	
<i>Preserved Hall, Esq;</i>	

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker : And
 JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *Job Randal, Esq;* one of the Directors of *Kent* Lottery, so called, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, and Expences, in signing, numbering, and selling the third Part of the Tickets of said Lottery, and for his Time and Trouble in receiving back the Tickets, according to an Act of the General Assembly, by him sold : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That One Hundred Pounds of said Account be allowed and paid the said *Job Randal* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Peleg Peckham* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for boarding of *Thomas Howel*, one of the Witnesses against Capt. *Joseph Hughes* :
 Which

Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirty-six Pounds Eighteen Shillings, the Ballance thereof, be paid the said *Peleg Peckham* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Expences whilst summoning the Members of the General Assembly that live in said County, to meet at *Newport* on the fourteenth of this Instant *October*, in order to hold the Session that was had at that Time, pursuant to his Honor the Governor's Warrants: And this Assembly having taken said Account into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriah Brown* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *William Paul*, one of the Sheriff's Deputies in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Service and Expences in notifying the Members of the General Assembly that live in said County, to meet at *Newport* on the fourteenth of this Instant *October*, in order to hold the Session that was had at that Time, pursuant to the Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor: And this Assembly having taken said Account into Consideration, and duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Paul* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Nichols*, Esq; Col. *Benoni Waterman*, *Peter Bours*, *Latham Clarke*, *Job Randal*, and *Thomas Greene*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to draw a Bill to prevent the further Depretiation of the Currency of this Colony, and present the same unto this Assembly at their present Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Wickham*, *George Brown*, *Orbniel Gorton*, *Jeremiah Niles*, and *Nathaniel Fales*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to proportion unto the several Counties in this Colony, the Rate ordered to be assessed and levied on the Inhabitants by the General Assembly, at their Session holden in *Newport* the fourth Monday of *August* last, and make Report unto this Assembly before their Rising.

Whereas an Account was exhibited unto this Assembly by *Benjamin Hunt*, charged for *Horsehire, &c.* against Mr. *Augustus Johnston*,

Johnson, who was lately appointed, and went as a Messenger from this Government unto that of *Connecticut* : And the said Account being duly examined, it appeared that several Articles thereof ought to have been charged to said Mr. *Johnson* on his own private Account, and consequently not due from the Colony : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Twelve Pounds Five Shillings of the aforesaid Account be paid the said *Augustus Johnson* out of the General Treasury, it being the whole that is due from the Colony for discharging said Account.

Whereas Capt. *Joseph Olney*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for ninety-six Squares of Glass by him furnished for the new Windows of the County House in *Providence*, for repairing the Glass of said House, and the Gaol-house in said Town : And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Forty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Olney* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *William Smith* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for making four Window Frames, and ninety-six Squares of Sashes, for the County House in *Providence*, for five Days Work in putting up the Windows and capping them ; for Boards, Nails, Brads, priming, and so forth : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Sixty-seven Pounds Five Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Smith* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Dennis Montaigne*, late Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for a Pair of Hand-cuffs used in said Gaol, for Wood and Candles, and his Attendance on the General Assembly holden at *Providence* in *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four, and for boarding and Attendance on *Samuel Bartlet*, *Enoch Streeter*, and *Benjamin Bishop*, Prisoners confined to the Gaol aforesaid, at the King's Suit, in *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four : Which Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Ninety Pounds Sixteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Dennis Montaigne* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Benjamin Hunt* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for the Hire of a Horse that was sent to *Boston* on a Message in the Colony's Service, by Order of *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; and for Damage sustained by

by the Rider's bad Usage of said Horse : Which Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-two Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Hunt* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Hull* of *Jamestown*, in the County of *Newport*, Merchant, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that there is a Ferry set up at the Long Wharff in the Town of *Newport*, which hath no Mate-boat ; and thereupon prayed the Liberty of setting up a Ferry on the East Side of *Jamestown* aforesaid, for the Transportation of Men, Women, Creatures, and every Thing else, from his Wharff in said *Jamestown* to *Newport*.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prayer of the said *John Hull* in his aforesaid Petition made, be, and the same is hereby granted, provided he will set up said Ferry upon the same Terms as are granted to *Thomas Hazard*, for setting up a Ferry from the Long Wharff aforesaid.

Whereas *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for summoning the Members of the General Assembly that live in said County, to meet at *Newport* on the fourteenth Day of this Instant *October*, in order to hold the Session that was at that Time had, pursuant to the Warrants of his Honor the Governor : And this Assembly having taken said Account into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Arnold* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all the Soldiers enlisted at Fort *George*, excepting four, be discharged by the Captain of the Fort as soon as he can do the same conveniently : And the said Captain is hereby directed to remove all the Powder he has in said Fort, save four Barrels, and place the same in the Magazine of the Town of *Newport*.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders made and pass'd by the General Assembly, at their Sessions holden at *Newport* in *August* and *September*. last, and the former Part of the current Month, and for furnishing Paper for that Service : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and

Seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the General Assembly, at a Session holden by Adjournment at *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the last Monday of *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight, made and passed "An Act to prevent Hogs going at Large in the compact Parts of the Towns of *Newport* and *Providence*." And whereas, a great Number of the Freemen and Inhabitants of the Towns of *Providence* and *Cranston*, preferred Petitions unto this Assembly; the former praying, that the said Act (having been found very Advantageous unto the Inhabitants) may be made to extend unto the whole of said Town of *Providence*, and the latter, that no Swine may be suffer'd to run at Large in that Part of the Town of *Cranston*, that is called *Patuxet*, nor within a Mile of the Falls in said Town, called *Patuxet Falls*.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Act above-mentioned, and all and every the Clauses and Articles therein contained, be, and hereby are extended unto, and shall have and take Force and Effect in all Parts of the Town of *Providence*, and also in that Part of the Town of *Cranston* that is called *Patuxet*, and within one Mile of the Falls there.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Obadiab Brown*, Esq; *Mr. Joseph Lippitt*, *James Sheffield*, and *John Tillinghast*, Esqrs. be, and they, or any two of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Committee of War from time to time, and as often as the said Committee of War shall present the same, always making Report unto the General Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Whereas the Committee appointed by this Assembly at their present Session, to prepare a Bill to prevent the farther Depretiation of the Paper Currency of this Colony, have not had Time to perform that Service: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That they the said Committee, to wit, *Joseph Nichols*, Esq; *Col. Benoni Waterman*, *Peter Bours*, *Latham Clarke*, *Job Randal*, and *Thomas Greene*, Esqrs. be farther continued a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid; and that they, or the major Part of them, make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee, or the major Part of them, that were appointed to audit the Accounts of the Grand Committee, be, and they are hereby directed to burn all the Bills of Credit which were
collected

collected for the last Rate, and are now in the General Treasury, excepting those called *Lawful Money*, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *John Potter*, jun. late a Deputy Sheriff in the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for summoning the Members of the General Assembly in said County living, to meet and hold the Session that was begun and held at *Providence* on Thursday the sixth of *March*; One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five, in Consequence of Warrants issued by the Hon. *William Greene*, Esq; who was Governor at that Time. And this Assembly having duly examined said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Potter*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *David Wilkinfon*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horsehire, and Expences, in summoning the Members of the General Assembly in his County living, to meet and hold the Session that was begun and holden at *Newport*, on Thursday the fourteenth of this Instant *October*, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor. And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Sixteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *David Wilkinfon* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Dennis Montaigne* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance on the General Assembly during their present Session, for Candles, Firewood, and cutting the same for the Use of this Assembly, and for his keeping and cleaning the County House in *Providence*, the Term of two Years last past: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Nineteen Pounds Three Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Dennis Montaigne* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Regiment of Four Hundred Men lately raised by this Colony, in order to reinforce the Army gone against *Crown-Point*, do not march, until his Honor the Governor, by Advice of the Committee of War, shall give further Orders. And his Honor the Governor is hereby requested to send an Express with the utmost Dispatch, unto his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, informing him what this Government hath done with Regard to raising Men; and that this Assembly being informed, that the Small Pox
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is rise at *Albany*, it is apprehended that the marching said Regiment at this Juncture, will be attended with the utmost Danger, and therefore desire to know what his Excellency thinks best to be done respecting the same ; and that said Letter be laid before this Assembly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Drawing of the Lottery, lately opened and set up, in Virtue of a public Act of the Government, to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, to be appropriated towards building Fort George on Goat-Island, in the Township of *Newport*, be, and the same is hereby postponed until the last Monday of next Month.

Whereas a Majority of the Committee that was appointed in the former Part of this Session of Assembly, to proportion unto the several Counties, the Rate or Tax ordered in *August* last to be assessed and levied on the Inhabitants of this Colony, having performed that Service, presented this Assembly with the following Report, endorsed on a Copy of the Vote, whereby they were appointed to that Service.

“ WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, as appears by the within Vote, to proportion the Rate now to be assessed on the Inhabitants of this Colony, have agreed on the following Proportions, *viz.*

For the County of <i>Newport</i> ,	-	-	£.	20,304	12	-
For <i>Providence</i> ,	-	-	-	12,525	10	-
For <i>Kings County</i> ,	-	-	-	12,175	10	-
For <i>Bristol</i> ,	-	-	-	2602	10	-
For <i>Kent</i> ,	-	-	-	5291	18	-
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						£. 53000 0 - Old Tenor.

						<i>Lawful Money.</i>
For <i>Newport County</i> ,	-	-	£.	1532	9	-
For. <i>Providence</i> ,	-	-	-	945	7	-
For <i>Kings County</i> ,	-	-	-	926	6	-
For <i>Bristol</i> ,	-	-	-	196	9	-
For <i>Kent</i> ,	-	-	-	399	9	-
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						£. 4000 0 -

*Benj. Wickham,
Jer. Niles,
Nathaniel Fales,
Obtniel Gorton.”*

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That

That the same be, and is hereby accepted, in every Respect, save that the Sum taken off from the County of *Kings County*, shall be divided between the Counties of *Providence* and *Kent*, in Proportion to the Rates to be assessed on the two Counties last mentioned.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, which, by Law, was to have been begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the County of *Newport*, on the third Tuesday of *November* next, be, and the same is hereby adjourned unto the fourth Monday of said Month; whereof all Parties concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session; and that the Secretary, by Beat of Drum, publish in *Newport*, all the Acts and Orders now made and passed, within five Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which is hereby adjourned unto the third Monday of the next Month.

G O D Save the K I N G.

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THO. WARD, Secr'y.

A true Copy duly examined.

WITNESS

Tho Ward Secy.



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun and held by Adjournment at *Providence*, in said Colony, on the third *Monday of November*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six, in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of G O D, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JOHN GARDNER, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	} Ass ^{ts} .	JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;	} Ass ^{ts} .
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;			

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several T O W N S.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	} {	Providence;
Lieut. Col. <i>Benj. Wickham</i> ,		Mr. <i>Elisba Brown</i> ,
The Speaker,		Mr. <i>Nicholas Brown</i> ,
<i>Peter Bours</i> , Esq;		<i>Henry Harris</i> , Esq;
Capt. <i>William Munford</i> .		<i>George Brown</i> , Esq;
Mr. <i>William Read</i> .		

Portsmouth ;

Portsmouth ;		Charlestown ;
<i>William Earl</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Col. Christopher Champlin</i> ,
<i>Mr. Nathan Cbace</i> ,	{	<i>Gideon Hoxsie</i> , Esq;
<i>Mr. Francis Brayton</i> .	{	West-Greenwich ;
Warwick ;	{	<i>Preserved Hall</i> , Esq;
<i>Col. Benoni Waterman</i> ,	{	<i>Mr. Samuel Dyre</i> .
<i>Mr. Daniel Greene</i> ,	{	Coventry ;
<i>Othniel Gorton</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Caleb Greene</i> , Esq;
<i>Capt. James Greene</i> .	{	<i>Mr. Job Greene</i> .
Westerly ;	{	Exeter ;
<i>Maj. Joshua Clarke</i> ,	{	<i>Capt. John Reynolds</i> ,
<i>Mr. Samuel Ward</i> .	{	<i>Capt. Simon Smith</i> .
Newshorham ;	{	Middletown ;
<i>Mr. John Pain</i> .	{	<i>Mr. William Bailey</i> .
North-Kingstown ;	{	Bristol ;
<i>Mr. Thomas Allen</i> ,	{	<i>Maj Thomas Greene</i> ,
<i>Samuel Albro</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , Esq;
South-Kingstown ;	{	Tiverton ;
<i>Jeremiah Niles</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Mr. Thomas Howland</i> ,
<i>Latham Clarke</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Thomas Anthony</i> , Esq;
East-Greenwich ;	{	Little-Compton ;
<i>Joseph Nichols</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Mr. Thomas Church</i> ,
<i>Mr. Thomas Casey</i> .	{	<i>Mr. Thomas Brownel</i> .
Jamestown ;	{	Warren ;
<i>Mr. Edward Carr</i> .	{	<i>Capt. Josiah Humphreys</i> ,
Smithfield ;	{	<i>Capt. Benj Barton</i> .
<i>Thomas Owens</i> , Esq;	{	Cumberland ;
<i>Capt. John Sayles</i> , jun.	{	<i>John Dexter</i> , Esq;
Scituate ;	{	Richmond ;
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Capt. William Clark</i> , jun.
<i>Charles Harris</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Capt. Peleg Thomas</i> .
Glocester ;	{	Cranston ;
<i>Capt. John Smith</i> ,	{	<i>John Potter</i> , Esq;
<i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq;	{	<i>Mr. Christopher Waterman</i> .

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

An A C T proportioning unto the several Towns, the Rates ordered by the General Assembly at their Session in *Newport* on the fourth Monday of *August* last, to be assessed and levied on the Inhabitants of this Colony.

WHEREAS the General Assembly, at their Session holden at *Newport*, on the fourth Monday of *August* last, made and passed, An Act for assessing and levying a Rate or Tax of Four Thousand Pounds Lawful Money, on the Inhabitants of this Colony, to be burnt, and also a Rate or Tax for the Sum of Fifty-three Thousand Pounds
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Old-Tenor, for supplying the General Treasury ; to be assessed, levied, and collected, on or before the last Day of February next ; neither of which Rates or Taxes hath been yet proportioned :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said Rates shall be, and hereby are proportion'd unto the several Towns as followeth, to wit.

	Lawful Money.	Old-Tenor.
NEWPORT,	£. 800 0 0	£. 10602 0 0
Portsmouth,	180 0 0	2383 0 0
Newboreham,	77 0 0	1021 0 0
Jamestown,	90 0 0	1193 0 0
Middletown,	123 0 0	1631 0 0
Tiverton,	132 4 6	1750 12 0
Little-Compton,	130 4 6	1724 0 0
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	£. 1532 9 0	£. 20304 12 0
Providence,	£. 292 7 -	£. 3874 0 -
Smithfield,	223 16 -	2965 8 -
Scituate,	98 18 -	1310 8 -
Glocester	98 18 -	1310 8 -
Cumberland,	64 10 -	854 0 -
Cranston,	149 3 -	1977 0 -
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	£. 927 12 -	£. 12291 4 -
Westerly,	£. 229 0 -	£. 3024 19 -
North-Kingstown,	177 3 -	2350 0 -
South-Kingstown,	297 0 -	3938 0 -
Charlestown,	82 2 -	1086 11 -
Exeter,	84 0 -	1117 0 -
Richmond,	57 1 -	759 0 -
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	£. 926 6 -	£. 12275 10 -
Bristol,	£. 104 8 -	£. 1383 6 -
Warren,	92 1 -	1219 4 -
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	£. 196 9 -	£. 2602 10 -
Warwick,	£. 183 13 -	£. 2432 0 -
East-Greenwich,	102 17 -	1363 18 -
West-Greenwich,	65 7 -	865 3 -
Coventry,	65 7 -	865 3 -
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	£. 417 4 -	£. 5526 4 -

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Lawful Money shall be paid in the Bills that bear Date in the

the Month of *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, or in Silver or Gold according to the Face of said Bills.

AND it is farther Enacted, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall, upon their Assessing or Apportioning the aforesaid Rates or Taxes, return a true Bill or List of the same, unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and that said Town Clerk send a Copy thereof unto the General Treasurer in four Days, who upon Receipt thereof, shall issue his Warrants in four Days, unto the several Collectors of Rates of the respective Towns, requiring them, in His Majesty's Name, to collect the several Sums to them respectively committed, in Lawful Money, or Silver and Gold, and Old-Tenor Bills, agreeable to this Act, by the last Day of *February* as aforesaid, and pay the same unto the General Treasurer, or to his Successors in said Office, for the Use aforesaid.

AND be it farther Enacted, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall arise in or upon the Assessing and Collecting its Part of the aforesaid Rate or Tax.

AND it is farther Enacted, That the Poll-Money in assessing this Rate, be Six Pence *per* Thousand Pounds.

AND that the Secretary send by Express, a printed Copy of this Act unto every Town Clerk in the Colony, within eight Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by said Town Clerk immediately delivered unto the Assessors or Ratemakers of his Town.

I PROTEST against the Proportion of the Town of *Portsmouth*, for the following Reason, because too large in Proportion with *Newport* and *Tiverton*, and therefore unequal.

William Earl.

WE the Subscribers, dissent from this Vote for the following Reasons, *viz.*

1. Because we are of Opinion that the Rates of the several Towns in the County of *Kings County*, instead of being equally and justly proportioned, as all Rates should be, will, according to the above Proportion, be extremely unequal; and think it will fully appear: For, according to that Estimation, the Town of *Westerly* is to pay above Six Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, and the Town of *North-Kingstown* not Five Thousand Pounds, whereas there are more Inhabitants in *North-Kingstown* than in *Westerly*, the Soil in our Opinions better, besides the great Benefit of being nearer the Market.

We are of Opinion also, that the Inequality of the above Proportion will farther appear, by comparing the Towns of *South-*
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Kingstown and *Westerly* ; for *South-Kingstown* contains near as much Land as *Westerly*, the Soil beyond Comparison better, much nearer to Market, the Inhabitants possessed of many Slaves, and being the County Town, it draws a good deal of Money out of the rest of the County : And upon all these Accounts, ought to pay near as much again as *Westerly*.

And we imagin the Inequality will further appear, by comparing *Charlestown* and *Richmond*, for according to the best Judgment we can form, the Town of *Richmond* contains more Inhabitants than *Charlestown*, and ought therefore to pay near as much as *Charlestown* ; instead of which, they will not pay so much by above Six Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor.

It is said in the Report, that all reasonable Arguments were used to convince us of the Equity of their Proposal, when no one Argument was offered that appeared to us to be reasonable ; for tho' they offered that a Sum should be taken off *Charlestown* and *Westerly*, yet as that Sum was not any Way equal to the Burthen which was laid upon us in the last Rate (for Proof of which, we appeal to the Proportion of the Rate for Thirty-five Thousand Pounds) we thought in Justice to our Constituents, we could not comply with it.

Joshua Clarke,
Samuel Ward,
Christop Champlin.
Gideon Hoxsie.

I PROTEST against the Proportion to the Town of *James-town*, for the following Reason, to wit, that I think that Town is greatly overproportioned according to several other Towns in the County of *Newport*.

Edward Carr.

I DISSENT from the above Proportion respecting the Towns of *Scituate* and *Glocester*, for that the former is too low or the latter too high.

Richard Steere.

WE the Subscribers do dissent from the above Vote for the Reasons following : For that the Town of *West-Greenwich* was very much burthened with a heavy Tax before : And our Conference with our Brethren of the County of *Kent*, was wrong represented to the Lower House by one of the Members : And the Representatives of the South County were all out of the House, so that the whole of the Tax the South County was disburthen'd of, was laid on *Coventry* and *West-Greenwich*, which is a grievous Hardship for *West-Greenwich* to bear ; for that we think that *Warwick* and *East-Greenwich* in Justice ought to have taken their proportionable Part, according to the former Tax.

Which we humbly submit to your Honours to consider.

Preserved Hall,
Samuel Dyre.

We

WE the Subscribers beg Leave to dissent from the within Vote, for the County of *Bristol*, as to the Proportions of the Towns of *Warren* and *Bristol*, for the following Reasons, *viz.*

First : We look upon the Town of *Warren* to be equal in Value to the Town of *Bristol*.

Secondly : As it was a Tye-Vote in the Lower House, and the Speaker turned the Vote in Favor of the Town of *Warren* ; but upon the best Information he could get afterwards, was of Opinion that the Town of *Bristol* was over-proportioned.

Thomas Greene,
Natbanial Fales.

I The Subscriber do protest against the Proportion of the several Towns in the County of *Newport*, for the following Reasons.

1. Because there is a considerable Sum taken off *Newshoburnham* and added to *Little-Compton*, to the Amount of almost Four Hundred Pounds over and above the last Proportion to said Town.

2. That the above Sum, or the major Part thereof, should have been put to some of the other Towns, and to the Town of *Newport* in particular.

Thomas Church.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented unto this Assembly.

Dr. -- *The Colony of Rhode-Island with Jonathan Nichols, Thomas Cranston, and Peter Bours, of the Committee of War, on Account of the Expedition designed against Crown-Point.*

TO the Amount of an Account with sundry Persons, audited *August 15. 1755.* by *Joseph Lippitt, James Sheffield, Joseph Russel, and Obadiah Brown, Esqrs.* - - - £ 20957 11 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

To the Amount of an Account with *Thomas Cranston, Esq;* audited *August 15. 1755.* by the above Gentlemen, - - - 1695 4 0

To the Amount of an Account with *Peter Bours, Esq;* audited *August 15. 1755.* by the above Gentlemen. - - - 786 8 5

To the Amount of an Account with sundry Persons, audited *October 31. 1755.* by *Obadiah Brown and James Sheffield, Esqrs.* - - - 36497 15 6

To the Amount of his Honor the Deputy Governor *Jonathan Nichols, Esq;* his Account, audited *October 31. 1755.* by the above Gentlemen. - - - 17863 5 8

To the Amount of *Thomas Cranston, Esq;* his Account, audited *October 31. 1755.* by the above Gentlemen. - - - 3704 15 6

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To the Amount of *Peter Bours*, Esq; his Account, audited *October 31. 1755.* by the above Gentlemen. - 2960 10 0

To the Amount of an Account with sundry Persons, audited *March 11. 1756.* by *James Sheffield* and *Joseph Ruffel*, Esqrs. - 18413 6 5

To the Amount of Muster Rolls, audited *March 11. 1756.* by *James Sheffield* and *Joseph Ruffel*, Esqrs. - - - 17012 10 7

To the Amount of *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; his third Account, audited *March 11. 1756.* by the above Gentlemen. - - 3399 17 0

To *Peter Bours*, Esq; the Amount of his third Account, audited *March 11. 1756.* by the above Gentlemen, - - - 1320 13 9

£. 124611 18 8½

Creditor.

BY our Orders drawn on the General Treasurer from time to time. - £. 124611 18 8½

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Hon. the General Assembly, to audit the Accounts of the Committee of War, in the Expedition designed against *Crown-Point*, do make Report, That we have examined the Accounts exhibited to us by *Jonathan Nichols*, *Thomas Cranston*, and *Peter Bours*, Members of the said Committee, and find them well vouched, and that the Account on the other Side of the Summs expended by them, is what we have audited agreeable thereto.

Joseph Ruffell,
James Sheffield,
O. Brown.

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby accepted.

Whereas Capt. *Jeremiah Greene* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Eighty-nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horsehire, and Expences, in going with an Express from the Government unto his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, he the said *Jeremiah* paying his Honor the Governor Thirty Pounds Two Shillings, it being so much more than the Amount of said Account, which his Honor put into the Hands of the said *Jeremiah*, in Dollars and Bills of Credit, when he sat out upon the Journey aforesaid.

Whereas

Whereas *Thomas Hafzard* of *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *Kings County*, late Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in said County, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that on the twenty-ninth Day of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three, one *Mary Rogers*, a transient Person, was committed to said Gaol by a *Mittimus* under the Hands and Seals of *Daniel Coggeshall* and *John Congdon*, Esqrs. two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, being charged with having stolen sundry Goods from *Rouse Helme* of *North-Kingstown*: That the Petitioner, in Obedience to the Command of said Justices, receiv'd the said *Mary Rogers* into, and furnished her with Necessaries at said Gaol for the Space of five Weeks and three Days at his own proper Cost: That the said *Mary* was afterwards discharged by the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace; but the Petitioner hath never received any Satisfaction for his Care and Expences above mentioned: And therefore, as the said *Mary Rogers* was committed at the King's Suit, no Ways able to make Satisfaction, and he the Petitioner could not legally demand it of any other Person, the said *Thomas Hafzard* prayed this Assembly to order him to be paid out of the General Treasury.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Kings County*, enquire into the subject Matter of the aforesaid Petition, and give an Order on the General Treasurer to pay the said *Thomas Hafzard* what shall appear to be due to him.

Whereas *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account amounting to Two Hundred and Fifty-six Pounds Two Shillings and One Penny, by him charged against the Colony, for Cash expended and advanced to sundry Persons by him employed, in Consequence of an Act of the General Assembly, to dig a Well in the Gaol Yard of said County; for their boarding; for Gunpowder to blow up a Rock that hindered their digging; for Drills to perform that Business, and mending them, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Seven Shillings and One Penny of said Account, be, and is hereby allowed, and shall be paid the said *Benjamin Arnold* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas this Assembly hath been informed that *Samuel Thayer* of *Providence* hath grossly abused them, *They therefore Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Samuel Thayer* be immediately brought before this Assembly, to answer for his said Misdemeanor; and that the Secretary forthwith issue a Warrant, directed unto the Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, or his Deputy, for that Purpose.

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Whereas

Whereas *Henry Nickless* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, for Meat, Drink, Washing, and Lodging, by him furnished unto *William Bridges*, one of the Witnesses against Capt. *Joseph Hughes*, which began in Consequence of an Order from the late Deputy Governor the Hon. *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; deceased : And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Forty-two Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Nickless* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the General Assembly at their last Session, passed a Vote, resolving that the Committee, or the major Part of them, that were appointed to audit the Accounts of the Grand Committee, be directed to burn all the Bills of Credit collected for the last Rate, which at that Time were in the General Treasury, excepting those called *Lawful Money*, and make Report unto this Assembly : In Consequence whereof, what follows was now presented.

“ WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to receive of *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; General Treasurer, the Rate Money in his Hands, and to burn the same, except such Part thereof as is in *Lawful Money*, do Report, That we have received of said *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; Sixty-six Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds Four Shillings and One Penny Old-Tenor, of which we have burnt Fifty-two Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-one Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Five Pence ; the Remainder being One Thousand and Forty-one Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence of *Lawful Money*, and calculated as it now passes, is in Old-Tenor; Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence, we have deposited in the Hands of the said *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; till further Orders from the General Assembly.”

“ We also Report, That there is still to be collected and paid into the Treasurer’s Office, Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eleven Pence Old-Tenor, to make up the Seventy Thousand Pounds, the Amount of the Rate ordered by this Assembly to be assessed and levied on the Inhabitants of this Colony, as appears by the List herewith presented.

Newport, Nov. 12. 1756. *Thomas Cranston,*
N. B. £. 18430 3 0 Crown-Point Money. *Peter Bours,*
James Sheffield.”

Unto which Report, the Committee subjoined the following Account.

Colony,

Colony,

Dr.—

TO our Time and Trouble five Days,

£. 45 - -

Thomas Cranston,
Peter Bours,
James Sheffield.

And this Assembly having taken said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the foregoing Account of Forty-five Pounds, be allowed and paid unto the aforefaid Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours, and James Sheffield, Esqrs. out of the General Treasury.

What follows is a true Copy of the List referred to in the foregoing Report made by Messrs. Cranston, Bours, and Sheffield.

“ Memorandum of the several Towns in this Colony that have paid their Proportion of the Seventy Thousand Pounds Colony Rate into the Treasury, and those that are wanting *viz.*

				Wanting
NEWPORT	£. 14000	0	0	
Middletown	2140	0	0	£ 10 0 0
Portsmouth	3206	4	6	9 15 6
Jamestown	1338	0	0	Bond of D. Weeden's 262 0 0
Cranston	2500	0	0	
Warwick	3213	0	0	
Little-Compton	2051	0	0	
South-Kingstown	5200	0	0	
Westerly	4750	0	0	
Richmond	1003	0	0	
Smithfield	3750	0	0	
Warren	1580	2	1	29 17 11
Glocester	1680	10	0	
Charlestown	1700	0	0	
Scituate	1475	0	0	158 0 0
North-Kingstown	3105	0	0	
Cumberland	1080	0	0	
Tiverton	2200	0	0	
Providence	4600	0	0	300 0 0
West-Greenwich	1039	19	0	29 11 0
Bristol	1781	1	11	45 18 1
Newshorham	1582	0	0	18 0 0
Exeter	400	0	0	1075 0 0
Coventry	807	6	7	99 13 5
East-Greenwich				1800 0 0

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Ball due the Colony 3837 15 11

£. 3837 15 11

£. 70000 0 0

Both

Both Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, *Samuel Thayer* was brought before them, in Consequence of a Warrant issued against him by the Secretary, pursuant to a Vote of this Assembly ; and the said *Samuel* confessing that he had damned this General Assembly, *It is therefore Ordered*, That he the said *Samuel Thayer* be forthwith committed to, and closely confined in His Majesty's Gaol at *Providence*.

Whereas *David Wilkinfon*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Sixty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, by him charged against the Colony, for Labor done by himself and others, in digging a Well for the Use of His Majesty's Gaol in *Providence*, for Stones and stoning the same, and for an Iron-bound Bucket with a Crotch and Pole, for drawing Water out of said Well : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Fifty-six Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence of said Account, be, and hereby is allowed, and shall be paid the said *David Wilkinfon* out of the General Treasury.

*W*HEREAS it is feared that there are some Persons in this Colony dangerous and disaffected to His Majesty's Person and Government, who not only having thrown off all Duty and Allegiance themselves, are, by secret Arts and Practices, daily endeavouring and attempting to alienate the Minds and Affections of others His Majesty's Subjects, from that Duty and Allegiance which they justly owe to their lawful and rightful Sovereign ; which Practices, if continued, may prove of fatal Consequence.

For preventing whereof for the future,

*B*E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for his Honor the Governor, his Honor the Deputy Governor, any Assistant or Judge, either of the Superior or Inferior Courts, or any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to tender the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration unto, and cause the same to be taken and subscribed according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided, by any Person or Persons whatsoever, whom either of the Officers above-mentioned, shall suspect to be dangerous or disaffected to His Majesty's Person or Government : And if any such Person or Persons shall refuse to take and subscribe the Oaths aforesaid, the Officer that tendered the same, shall certify the Refusal thereof unto the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace, that may be holden in the County where the Offence shall happen, and if he, she, or they, shall there also refuse, such Refusal shall be recorded in the public Book to said Court belonging : And all
Persons

Persons so neglecting or refusing to take and subscribe the Oaths aforesaid, shall be adjudged, upon such last Neglect or Refusal, a *Popish Recusant Convict*, and be proceeded against as such, for the Forfeiture of his or her Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, to and for the Use of the Colony.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every of the Officers above-mentioned, may, by writing under his Hand and Seal, summon any Person or Persons suspected as aforesaid, to appear before him at such Time and Place as he shall see cause to appoint, then and there to take and subscribe the Oaths aforesaid; which Summons shall be served on such Person or Persons, or left at his, her, or their House, or usual Place of Abode, with one of the Family; and if such Person or Persons do not appear according to Summons, then on Oath made, that the said Summons was served in the aforesaid Manner, the Officer who issued the same, shall make a Certificate thereof unto the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in the County where said Summons was granted, there to be entered in the Book of Records to said Court belonging: And if such Person or Persons shall not make his, her, or their Appearance at the said Sessions, and then and there subscribe and take the Oaths aforesaid, his, her, or their Name or Names shall be publicly read at the first Meeting of the said Sessions, and he, she, or they, shall be esteemed a *Popish Recusant Convict or Convicts*, and forfeit all his, her, or their Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements accordingly, to and for the Colony's Use.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, shall from or after the Publication of this Act, maliciously or directly, by writing, printing, or speaking, declare, maintain, or affirm, that his present Majesty, our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, is not the lawful and rightful King of *Great-Britain*, with the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging, or that the *pretended Prince of Wales, who now styles himself King of Great-Britain, by the Name of James the third*, hath any Right or Title to the Crown of *Great-Britain*, or that any other Person or Persons hath or have any Right or Title to the same, otherwise than according to the several Laws and Statutes made for declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and settling the Succession of the Crown; or that the Kings and Queens of *Great-Britain*, with and by the Authority of Parliament, are not able to make Laws and Statutes of sufficient Force and Validity to limit and bind the Crown of *Great-Britain*, with the Dominions thereof, and the Descent, Limitation, Inheritance, and Government of the same, all and every such Person and Persons, being of such Offence lawfully convicted, shall incur the Danger and Penalty of a *Praemunire*, according to the Statute of *Praemunire* made in the sixteenth Year of the Reign of King Richard the Second.

PROVIDED Always, and be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be prosecuted by Virtue of this Act, for any Words spoken, unless the Information of such Words being spoken, be given upon Oath, within three Days after their being spoken, and the Prosecution for such Offence be within six Months after the Information ; and that no Person or Persons shall be convicted, by Virtue of this Act, ~~upon~~ any such Words spoken, but by the Oaths of two credible Witnesses.

WHereas this Assembly at their last Session, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill to prevent the farther Depreciation of the Paper Currency of this Colony, which Committee could not agree about that Matter : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That another Committee shall be, and hereby is appointed for the Purpose aforesaid, to wit, James Honyman and Jeremiab Niles, Esqrs. Mr. Samuel Ward, and Lieut. Col. Benjamin Wickham, and that they, or the major Part of them, make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.*

Whereas *Stephen Jenckes* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for building a *Butment* to the Bridge at *Patucket Falls*, in the Township of *Providence* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Eight Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Three Shillings. the Amount thereof, be paid the said Stephen Jenckes out of the General Treasury*

Whereas a considerable Number of the Inhabitants of *Providence*, preferred unto this Assembly, Petitions, some against, and others for, permitting Sheep to go at Large in the Lanes and Highways of said Town : Whereupon, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Petitions be, and they are hereby referred unto the Session of Assembly to be holden at Newport on the first Wednesday of May next ; and that in the mean Time, the Town of Providence, at their Town-meeting in April next, determin by Vote of the Freemen, whether the preventing Sheep running at Large upon the Commons, be for the Advantage of said Town in general, or not, and that the said Vote be reported unto the General Assembly at the Session above mentioned, by the Town-Clerk in Writing ; and that this Assembly at that Time, will resolve upon said Petitions.*

Whereas the greater Part of the Money by his Majesty granted unto this Colony, consists of Pieces of Gold of the Coin of *Portugal*, each of the Value of Thirty-six Shillings Sterling : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer shall reckon and deliver out the aforesaid Pieces of Gold at Eight Spanish mill'd Dollars each.*

Whereas

Whereas his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, hath sent his Honor the Governor a Letter, directing that the Regiment of Four Hundred Men lately raised by this Colony for his Majesty's Service, do not march, as the Season is so far advanced, that they cannot be of any Service this Year. And whereas, his Honor, in Conformity to the Directions of his Lordship, gave public Notice to all the Officers and Soldiers of the Regiment aforesaid, that they might repair unto their respective Homes and Occupations, and should receive Wages and Billering no longer than the eighth Day of this Instant *November*.

Which being duly considered,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Notice by his Honor given as aforesaid, shall, and hereby is declared to be a full and final Discharge of all and every the above-mention'd Officers and Soldiers, and that the same be, and hereby is approved of by this Assembly.

Whereas *Daniel Allen* of *Cumberland*, in the County of *Providence*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That at their Session holden in *Newport* on the second Tuesday of *June* last, he presented an Account, which had been examined by *Thomas Lapham*, Esq; who reported, that the Sum of Sixty-two Pounds Old-Tenor was justly due unto the Petitioner out of the Estate of *Samuel Bartlet*, late of *Cumberland*, Esq; deceas'd, which the said *Samuel*, in his Life, had forfeited unto the Colony; whereupon a Vote was passed, that he the said *Daniel Allen* should be paid said Sum out of the General Treasury, but that by some Accident, said Account was lost or mislaid, so that he hath not yet receiv'd any Satisfaction for the Money due to him as aforesaid: And thereupon the Petitioner prayed, that the Sum aforesaid may be a second Time ordered him out of the General Treasury, so that he may at last obtain his just Due, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Vote aforesaid. And this Assembly having duly enquired into, and considered the subject Matter of the Petition aforesaid, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer therein contained be, and hereby is granted, and that the said *Daniel Allen* be paid the Sum of Sixty-two Pounds Old-Tenor out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *George Brown*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed to get a Peer of Stone or Brick (which he shall think best) built, at the Colony's Charge, under the Chimney in the Chambers of the County-House in *Providence*, for the Security thereof.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Bill brought in and now lying before them, entituled,
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“ An Act to regulate the Manner of making up Judgments in the several Courts, and also to ascertain the Value of the Bills of public Credit of this Colony,” be put into Print by the Secretary, and sent to each Town Clerk in the Government, that the same may be made public in every Town, so that all the Inhabitants may be made acquainted therewith.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all Collectors of Rates in this Colony, who have been deficient in their Duty, shall be prosecuted by the General Treasurer unto final Judgment and Execution; and that all those who, having been by him already sued, are liable to Executions, shall be immediately served with Executions of the Judgments obtained against them respectively, and committed to Gaol, and there remain confined until such Time as they pay what is due from them respectively; and in such Payment, render and give up all the *Crown-Point Bills* so called, that they received in collecting the Rate or Tax, and have not yet paid into the General Treasury.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Collectors of the last Rate or Tax, who did not pay into the General Treasury, before the twenty-eighth Day of August last, the whole of what they were to collect, shall be forthwith called before a Committee or Committees, to be by this Assembly appointed; which Committee or Committees, shall be, and hereby are empowered to cause such Collectors, and every of them, to take an Oath or Engagement, in the following Form, to wit:

YO U *do solemnly swear [affirm] that to the best of your Knowledge, you have not since the twenty-eighth Day of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, passed away, or parted with, or kept back, any Bill or Bills of Credit of this Colony, called Crown-Point-Bills, which you receiv'd of any Person or Persons, for his, her, or their Rate or Rates, before or since the said twenty-eighth Day of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six.*

AN D in Case any of the Collectors shall refuse to take said Oath or Affirmation, that then he, ~~she~~ or they so refusing shall declare upon Oath or Engagement, what Sum or Sums of said *Crown-Point Bills* he or they received as aforesaid: And upon Refusal to do the same, that the said Committee or Committees, so to be appointed, shall be, and hereby are authorized and fully empowered to commit him or them to close Prison there to remain, until he or they shall make or give such Oath or Engagement: And if the said Collectors, or either of them, have parted with any of the said *Crown-Point Bills*, collected as aforesaid, unto any other Person or Persons, besides the General Treasurer, that they, and every the said Collectors, shall procure for the Colony so

so much in Value of said *Crown-Point Bills* as he or they parted with as aforesaid, and for want of the same, Silver or Gold to the Value thereof, at the Rate of Four Pounds Old-Tenor for a Dollar, or Gold at its proportionate Value ; and shall also render an Account upon Oath or Engagement, who the Person or Persons is or are, unto whom such Collector or Collectors passed the same.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons, who hath or have received any of the said *Crown-Point Bills* from any Collector or Collectors of Rates or Taxes, shall be permitted to receive any Thing of the General Treasurer for the *Crown-Point Bill* or *Bills* so clandestinely obtained, save *Old-Tenor Bills* equivalent thereto, at the nominal Value.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Committee or Committees as shall be appointed to examine the Collectors of Rates or Taxes, pursuant to this Act, shall forthwith give in a List or Lists of the Names of all such Persons as have receiv'd any of the said *Crown-Point-Bills* from such Collector or Collectors : And that the General Treasurer do not give out any Silver or Gold for such Bill or Bills, as may be pretended to be exchanged, by any Person or Persons named in such List or Lists delivered as aforesaid, or to any other Person or Persons whatsoever, until he, she, or they have made Oath or Affirmation, that the Bill or Bills offer'd to be exchanged, hath or have not been receiv'd from, or been in the Hands of any of the Persons named in such List or Lists as aforesaid, since the fifteenth Day of this Instant *November*, nor to his, her, or their Knowledge, since the twenty-eighth Day of *August* last.

A N D for effectually carrying this Act into Execution, this Assembly do choose and appoint the Gentlemen whose Names immediately follow, a Committee for the Purposes herein before mentioned, viz.

Lieut. Col. Benjamin Wickham, Capt. William Mumford, and Mr. ^{William} Bailey, for the County of *Newport*.

Capt. David Whipple, Lieut. Col. John Andrews, and Mr. Christopher Waterman, for the County of *Providence*.

Latham Clarke, James Helme, and Samuel Albro, Esqrs. for the County of *Kings County*.

Nathaniel Fales, Thomas Greene, and Joseph Russell, Esqrs. for the County of *Bristol*.

Oskniel Gorton, Esq; Mr. John Spencer, and Col. Benoni Waterman, for the County of *Kent*.

A N D be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the major Part of each of the said Committee, shall be, and hereby

is constituted a *Quorum*, with Power to act as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the whole of such Committee were personally present and joined therein.

WE the Subscribers beg Leave to dissent from the Vote relating the Calling the Collectors of Rates in the Colony to account, with Regard to the last Seventy Thousand Pounds Tax, for the following Reasons.

First : As the Vote is to call a Part of the said Collectors to account for their Conduct, and not all, which we apprehend ought to be general.

Second We apprehend the Collectors were sufficiently warned by the Vote passed at *February* Session, when the Tax was altered, in order to redeem the *Crown-Point Bills*.

Third. We apprehend the putting off said Time to the fourth Monday of *August*, will in no Shape answer the Design intended by the above Votes.

Thomas Greene,
Thomas Howland,
Othniel Gorton,
William Bailey,
Nicholas Brown,
William Mumford.

November 18. A. D. 1756.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Committee of War be, and they are hereby authorized and fully impowered to discharge or retain some or all of the Troops by this Colony raised last Spring, and sent in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*, said Committee regulating their Conduct in that Respect, by such Advice and Directions as they shall receive from his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*.

Whereas *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; who was chosen one of the Committee that was appointed to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, hath declined that Service : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; be, and he hereby is chosen and appointed one of the Committee aforesaid, in the Room and Stead of the above-named *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq;

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Clerk of the Lower House shall be allowed for the future, Five Shillings Lawful Money per Day, for his Attendance on the General Assembly : And that *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; the present Clerk of said House, be allowed the like Wages for his Attendance, as well for the last as for this present Session of Assembly.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That in Case the Silver and Gold by His Majesty granted unto
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this Colony, which by an Act of the General Assembly is to be appropriated towards exchanging the *Crown-Point Bills*, so called, shall not be sufficient to answer that Purpose, all Persons who shall bring any of said Bills unto the General Treasurer, after the Silver and Gold is exhausted, shall receive Notes of him for Silver, at Four Pounds *per* Dollar, or Gold in Proportion, to be paid on or before the twenty-second Day of *December* next, with Lawful Interest from the Day of the Date of said Notes.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and hereby is requested to procure, upon the best Terms in his Power, a Sufficiency of Silver and Gold, to refund what he borrowed for the Use of the Colony, and draw Money out of the General Treasury to pay for the same.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Christopher Hall* be, and he hereby is chosen a Committee-man for the Town of *West-Greenwich*, in the Room of Mr. *John Greene*, deceased.

AN ACT to postpone the Drawing of the First Class of the Lottery lately open'd and set up in this Colony, to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, to be appropriated towards building Fort *George* on *Goat-Island*, in the Township of *Newport*, and for putting Five Hundred of said Lottery Tickets into the General Treasury.

W H E R E A S the First Class of the Lottery aforesaid, hath not yet been filled, and consequently cannot be drawn at the Time appointed for that Purpose,

B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Time of drawing the First Class of the Lottery aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby postponed unto the second Monday of *December* next.

AND for the Encouragement of Adventurers towards filling up the said First Class, *Be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the General Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to receive and take of the Directors of said Lottery, Five Hundred Tickets on the Colony's Account and Risque, giving his Note of Hand to pay the Price of them in Bills of public Credit upon Demand.

AND whereas Mr. *Henry Ward* was appointed one of the Directors of said Lottery, in the Room and Stead of *Benjamin Wickham*, Esq; who was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment lately raised by this Colony, as a Reinforcement of the Provincial Army gone in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*,
but

but did not go upon that Service, said Regiment having been disbanded : *Be it therefore Enacted*, That the said *Benjamin Wickham* be, and he hereby is reinstated and continued a Director of the Lottery aforesaid. AND WHEREAS Maj. *Thomas Greene* was also appointed another of the Directors of the Lottery aforesaid, but has not undertaken that Office : *Be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said *Henry Ward* be, and he is hereby appointed a Director of said Lottery, in the Room of the aforesaid *Thomas Greene*, he the said *Henry Ward* giving Bond unto the General Treasury in the like Sum with the other Directors, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust to him committed.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Robert Hazard* of *South-Kingstown*, and Capt. *John Reynolds* of *Exeter*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to run the dividing Line between the Towns of *South-Kingstown* and *Exeter* : That they erect proper Monuments therein, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session ; and that the Charge of doing the same, be paid equally between the said Towns.

Whereas an Account charged against the Colony, was exhibited by *Dennis Montaigne* unto this Assembly, for Candles and a Pair of Snuffers furnished for their Use by him, and for his Attendance on them during the present Session : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds Five Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Dennis Montaigne* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the Sum of Thirty-three Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-one Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Five Pence, in Bills of Public Credit of the Old-Tenor, was lately burnt in the General Treasury thro' a Mistake, *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That a like Sum of the same Sort of Bills be taken out of the Grand Committee's Office and placed in the General Treasury, in Lieu of what was burnt as aforesaid, and that the same be deemed burnt in the Grand Committee's Office, as so much paid in for Tenths ; which aforesaid Sum, together with One Thousand and Forty-one Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence Lawful Money, now in the General Treasury, and deposited there by the Committee that burnt said Old-Tenor Bills, shall be appropriated towards paying off the Soldiers returning from the Expedition against *Crown-Point*.

I T H E Subscriber, dissent from the above Vote, for the following Reasons, *viz.*

1. Because I think the Burning of that Money was no Mistake, and ought to have been done long ago.

2. Because

2. Because I think the appropriating Money paid into the Grand Committee's Office, to the Use of the Colony, is a Violation of the Act of Parliament, and a Breach of the Faith of this Government.

Samuel Ward.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session; and that the Secretary, by Beat of Drum, publish in Newport, all the Acts and Orders now made and passed, in ten Days, and send Copies of the same, together with Copies of the Acts and Orders made and passed at their last Session, unto each Town in the Colony, within thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which is hereby adjourned to the last Monday in February next.

G O D Save the K I N G.

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THO. WARD, Secr'y.

A true Copy duly examined.

WITNESS

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA* ; begun, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor, and holden at *Providence*, within and for said Colony, on *Monday* the tenth of *January*. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty **GEORGE** the Second, by the Grace of **G O D**, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. **STEPHEN HOPKINS**, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. **JOHN GARDNER**, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>	JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;	} <i>Assst.</i>
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPITT, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
ORADIAH BROWN, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;			

John Andrews, Esq; Deputy Secretary at the Opening of the Session, who being afterwards engaged to attend his own private Business elsewhere, *Jeremiah Lippitt*, Esq; was, by the Upper House, appointed to act as Secretary during the Absence of *Thomas Ward*, Esq;

D E U T I E S of the several T O W N S.

The Hon. **THOMAS CRANSTON**, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	} {	Mr. <i>William Read</i> .
Lieut. Col. <i>Benj. Wickham</i> ,		Providence;
The Speaker,		Mr. <i>Elisha Brown</i> ,
<i>Peter Bours</i> , Esq;		Mr. <i>Nicholas Brown</i> ,
Capt. <i>Joseph Wanton</i> , jun.		<i>Henry Harris</i> , Esq;
Capt. <i>William Mumford</i> .	} {	<i>George Brown</i> , Esq;
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Portsmouth ;		Glocester ;	
<i>Gideon Dufsey, Esq;</i>		Capt. <i>John Smith,</i>	
<i>Mr. Nathan Chace,</i>		<i>Richard Steere, Esq;</i>	
<i>Mr. Francis Brayton.</i>		Charlestown ;	
Warwick ;		Col. <i>Christopher Champlin,</i>	
Col. <i>Benoni Waterman,</i>		West-Greenwich ;	
<i>Mr. Daniel Greene,</i>		None.	
<i>Othniel Gorton, Esq;</i>		Coventry ;	
Capt. <i>James Greene.</i>		<i>Caleb Greene, Esq;</i>	
Westerly ;		Exeter ;	
Maj. <i>Joshua Clarke,</i>		Capt. <i>John Reynolds,</i>	
<i>Mr. Samuel Ward.</i>		Capt. <i>Simon Smith.</i>	
Newshorcham ;		Middletown ;	
None.		None.	
North-Kingstown ;		Bristol ;	
<i>Mr. Thomas Allen,</i>		Maj. <i>Thomas Greene,</i>	
<i>Samuel Albro, Esq;</i>		<i>Nathaniel Fales, Esq;</i>	
South-Kingstown ;		Tiverton ;	
<i>Jeremiah Niles, Esq;</i>		Mr. <i>Thomas Howland,</i>	
<i>Latham Clarke, Esq;</i>		Little-Compton ;	
East-Greenwich ;		None.	
<i>Joseph Nichols, Esq;</i>		Warren ;	
<i>Mr. Thomas Casey.</i>		Capt. <i>Josiah Humphreys;</i>	
Jamestown ;		Capt. <i>Benj. Barton.</i>	
Capt. <i>William Hazzard.</i>		Cumberland ;	
Smithfield ;		<i>John Dexter, Esq;</i>	
<i>Thomas Owens, Esq;</i>		Capt. <i>David Whipple.</i>	
Capt. <i>John Sayles, jun.</i>		Richmond ;	
Scituate ;		None.	
<i>Job Randal, Esq;</i>		Cranston ;	
<i>Charles Harris, Esq;</i>		<i>John Potter, Esq;</i>	
		<i>Mr. Christopher Waterman.</i>	

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *Samuel Thayer*, who was apprehended and brought before the General Assembly at their last Session, for grossly abusing them, has not yet made Satisfaction for the same : *Be it therefore Resolved by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Resolved,* That the said *Samuel Thayer* be immediately apprehended and committed to His Majesty's Gaol in *Providence*, for his said Abuse, and there remain confined, until further Orders from this Assembly.

Whereas there are divers Copper Plates in the Hands of his Honor the Governor, and in the Hands of the Representatives of the late Deputy Governor *Nichols*. which have been heretofore used

used by the Colony for striking off Bills of public Credit ; and also several false and counterfeit Copper Plates which have been seized, and are now in the Hands of some of the public Officers of this Government : All which said Plates are wholly useless in their present Form, *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Peter Bours, Esq; and Mr. William Read* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive from the Persons aforesaid, all and every of the said Copper Plates, and cause them to be defaced, and then delivered unto the General Treasurer, who is hereby directed to make Sale of the same to the best Advantage, for the Use of the Colony.

Whereas the Committee of War purchased a large Quantity of Pork of *Silas Gardner* some time last Spring, as good and merchantable *Rhode-Island* and *Connecticut* Pork, for the Use of the Forces raised by this Colony for the *Crown-Point* Expedition, which was not merchantable, but very bad *Carolina* Pork, and unfit for Use : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War* be, and they are hereby directed and fully impowered to demand of the said *Silas Gardner*, the Damages that have accrued by the Badness of said Pork, and upon his neglecting or refusing to pay the same, to prosecute him in the Law, in order to recover them.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Committee of War be, and they are hereby authorized and fully impowered to draw out of the Old-Tenor Part of the Rate that is now collecting (when paid into the General Treasury) a Sum sufficient to pay off the Forces that have been raised for the *Crown-Point* Expedition.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Nicholas Cooke, Jeremiah Lippitt, Peter Bours, George Brown, and John Dexter, Esqrs. be, and they are appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun's* Letter, and to draw up a Set of Instructions to be given the Commissioners that shall be appointed to wait on his Lordship at the Congress in *Boston*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That William Shean be allowed the Pay of a *second Lieutenant*, from and after the Time he was appointed *Quarter-master* of the Regiment of this Colony, that went last Year in the Expedition against *Crown-Point* and that his Pay as a *Sergeant*, cease at the Time of his being appointed *Quarter-master*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Obadiab Brown, Esq; Mr. Eliza Brown, Latham Clarke, Esq; Maj. Thomas Greene, and Mr. Joseph Lippitt be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Hans Hansen,*

Hansen, late of *Albany*, Esq; deceas'd, against the Colony; and make Report unto this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Whereas there is a considerable Sum of *New-York* Currency due from this Colony to the Estate of *Hans Hansen*, late of the City of *Albany*, Esq; deceas'd: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That for raising Money to pay said Debt, if any Persons, who come to the General Treasury to exchange *Crown-Point Bills*, are willing to take Notes for the whole of the Silver and Gold their said Bills are equal to, the Treasurer shall give Notes to such Persons for the same, with lawful Interest, for any Sum not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor; and out of the Gold and Silver by those Means remaining in the Treasury, the Debt above-mention'd, shall be paid unto the Executor of the said *Hans Hansen*.

Whereas *Philip Potter* of *Providence*, Joiner, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, for a Table by him furnished to stand in the Council Chamber of the County-House in said Town; for Stuff and other Work done in and about said Chamber: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirty Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Philip Potter* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay *Gideon Wanton*, Esq; the Bill drawn on this Colony by the Agent, for One Hundred Pounds Sterling; which Bill hath been accepted by his Honor the Governor.

Whereas Information hath been made unto this Assembly, that *John Wheaton* and *Daniel Beere*, Masters of two Sloops from *Warren*, have been lately Trading with the *French*, in direct Violation of a Law of this Colony, made and passed by the General Assembly, at a Session holden in *Newport* on Monday the sixth of *September* last, entituled, "An Act for prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with the *French*:" *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Obudiah Brown*, Esq; Assistant, *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; Chief Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*, and *Thomas Greene*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, with full Power to act, and immediately put forth a Warrant, directed to the Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, commanding him to go forthwith, and make diligent Search for all Persons concerned in

in the Matter aforesaid, as also for the Vessels employed therein, together with the Goods imported by them, and All when found to seize, and safely secure, until this whole Affair shall fully be enquired into, and lawfully determined.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That James Honyman, Esq; Lieut. Col. Benjamin Wickham, Joseph Nichols, Esq; and Mr. Nicholas Brown be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to take into Consideration a Letter from the Board of Trade to this Colony, respecting the Commerce and Traffick carried on to the Neutral Ports, &c. and make Report unto this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Whereas Messrs. *William Richards* and *John Coddington* of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Merchants in Company, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account amounting to Twenty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Eleven Pence Half-penny Sterling, by them charged against the Colony, for Freight from *New-York* to *Newport* aforesaid, of the Silver and Gold granted by His Majesty unto this Colony, for Cordage, for Buoy-Ropes, and seven Buoys: Which Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, be allowed and paid unto the said Richards and Coddington out of the General Treasury.*

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Two Hundred Pounds be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury unto Mr. George Hopkins, for his Time, Trouble, and Expence, in going to and fetching from New-York the Silver and Gold granted by His Majesty to this Colony.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That in Case the Method already prescribed for raising Money to pay what the Colony owes to the Estate of Hans Hansen, late of Albany, Esq; deceased, should fail, that then the Committee of War be, and hereby are directed to pay that Debt in the most frugal Manner, and to the best Advantage of the Colony they can.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Giles Ruffel be allowed and paid the Sum of Thirty Pounds per Month, for acting as Lieutenant from the Date of his Commission, besides Adjutants Pay, in the late Expedition against Crown-Point.

An ACT for reviving and lengthening the Time of drawing the Fortification Lottery.

WHEREAS the Time for drawing the first Class of the Lottery open'd and set up by the Government, for raising a Sum of Money

to carry on the Building of Fort George on Goat-Island, in the Township of Newport, hath elapsed, and the same yet remains undrawn :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said Lottery be, and it is hereby revived, and that the Drawing of the said first Class be postponed until Monday the twenty-first of *February* next, when the same is hereby directed to be drawn ; and that all the Tickets which at that Time may remain unfold, shall be taken by the Colony, provided they do not exceed One Thousand in Number, including those that the General Treasurer was, by the General Assembly, at their last Session, directed to purchase upon the Colony's Account and Risque.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the said first Class of the Lottery aforesaid, be not drawn upon the said twenty-first Day of February, that the Money receiv'd by the Directors, shall be restored unto those Persons who purchased Tickets, upon their returning the same.

WHereas the major Part of the Committee that was appointed to audit the Accounts, charged against this Colony, by *Hans Hansen*, late of *Albany*, Esq; decess'd, having performed that Service, reported as followeth, to wit.

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to audit the Accounts of *Hans Hansen*, late of the City of *Albany*, Esq; decess'd, have taken upon us the Consideration of that Affair, and finding the Articles charged in said Accounts well vouched, in Consequence thereof, report, That the Ballance struck in said Accounts, is justly due to the Representatives of the said *Hans Hansen*.

*Obadiab Brown,
Thomas Greene,
Latham Clarke,
Elisha Brown.”*

And this Assembly having taken said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted, and that the Ballance of the aforesaid Accounts, being Seven Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Three Pence, *New-York* Currency, be paid the Executor of the aforesaid *Hans Hansen* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the Gentlemen that were appointed to take his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun's* Letter into Consideration, and draw up some Instructions to be given the Committee that shall be by this Assembly appointed to wait on his Lordship at the approaching Congress in *Boston*, having performed that Service, made the following Report.

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“WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable General Assembly, a Committee to take into Consideration Lord *Loudoun's* Letter, and to draw up some Instructions for the Government of such Commissioners as shall be appointed to wait on his Lordship at the Congress, R E P O R T,

1. That three Commissioners wait on his Lordship.
2. That they join the Commissioners from the other Governments, and desire his Lordship to inform them what Number of Men and warlike Stores he will want to execute his Plan.
3. That they represent to his Lordship a true State of this Colony's Circumstances and Abilities, and to know of him what Proportion of Men to the whole, his Lordship expects from this Colony.
4. That they agree in Behalf of this Colony, to furnish his Lordship with such an Aid or Number of Men as they judge this Colony can afford under its present Circumstances, and the Nature of the Expedition may require.

Jer. Lippitt, by Order, and in Behalf of the Committee.

And this Assembly having taken said Report into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby accepted.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Articles following be, and they are hereby made Instructions to the Gentlemen that shall be appointed Commissioners on the Part of this Colony, to wait upon his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, at the Congress of the Governors and Commissioners of the *New-England* Colonies, to be holden at *Boston* on the thirteenth Day of this Instant *January*.

First. Y O U are to proceed to *Boston* immediately, and upon your Arrival there, to wait upon his Excellency Lord *Loudoun*, and join the Governors and Commissioners that may be there from the other Governments, at the Congress.

Second. You are to lay an exact State of this Colony before his Excellency, as to its Fortification, Cannon, warlike and military Stores, the Number of Inhabitants, the State of the Treasury, and Funds for supplying it.

Third. That you beg his Lordship to lay the defenceless Condition of this Colony, before his Majesty in the most favorable Light.

Fourth. That you pray his Lordship to afford the Colony such an Allowance for the Provisions, and warlike Stores, furnished, by us, to the Provincial Forces the Year past, as may be agreeable to His Majesty's gracious Intentions, signified to us by his Secretary of State.

Whereas *Walter Chaloner* of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Gentleman, hath sustained several Commissions in this Colony,
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and more especially *one* in His Majesty's *American* Regiment, in the Expedition against *Carthagena*, to which he was appointed by this Government, and hath in All acquitted himself to their Satisfaction.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Commissioners that shall be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, at the ensuing Congress in *Boston*, be, and they are hereby directed to recommend the said *Walter Chalmers* to his Lordship, as a Gentleman that may deserve his Favor.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to furnish the Commissioners that shall be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, with all such Papers and Accounts as his Honor shall think necessary, to be laid before his Lordship, or cause the same to be done in such a Manner as he shall think proper.

An A C T for prohibiting the Exportation of Provisions from any Port or Place within this Colony, to any *Dutch* or other Neutral Ports.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, the Collector of His Majesty's Customs in the Port of *Newport*, clear out no Ship or Vessel, until the Master thereof enter into Bonds, with two Sureties, inhabiting within this Colony, and of sufficient Abilities, unto the said Collector, in his said Capacity, to the Value of One Thousand Pounds Sterling, if the said Ship or Vessel be of less Burthen than One Hundred Tons, and of Two Thousand Pounds Sterling, if above that Burthen, that the Cargo of said Ship or Vessel (the Particulars of which, shall be expressed in the Bonds) shall not be landed in any other Port or Place, than such as belongs to His Majesty, or is in Possession of His Majesty's Subjects; and that they will within twelve Months after the Date thereof (the Danger of the Seas excepted) produce Certificates under the Hands and Seals of the principal Officers of the Customs at such Port or Place for which such Ship or Vessel cleared out, or some other *English* Port, that the said Cargo, expressing the Particulars thereof, hath actually been landed there; and when there shall be Cause to suspect that such Certificates are false or counterfeit, the said Collector shall not cancel or vacate said Bonds, till he make farther Enquiry, and receive good Information from the said principal Officers of the Customs, that the Matter and Contents thereof are just and true. And in Case the Master or Owners of such Ship or Vessel, shall not produce the said Certificates within the Time limited, the said Collector shall put in
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Suit and prosecute such Bonds. And the Collector is hereby farther Ordered and Directed, not to receive any Person as Surety for another, who hath Bonds standing out undischarged, unless he be esteemed Responsible for more than the Value of such Bond.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Master or Owner of any Ship or Vessel, shall wittingly or willingly, suffer any collusive Capture to be made of such Cargo as aforesaid, he shall forfeit all his and their real and personal Estates, to and for the Use of His Majesty, upon Conviction thereof in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in this Colony.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Ship or Vessel shall be cleared out to any Port or Place that is not subject to His Majesty, unless the Master of such Ship or Vessel shall make Oath or Affirmation before some one Assistant, or one of the Judges of the Superior or Inferior Courts, that he hath not on Board, and that he neither will take on Board, nor suffer to be taken on Board his Ship or Vessel, any other or greater Share or Quantity of Provisions than will be necessary for himself and his Mariners, during his intended Voyage ; a particular Account of which Quantity of Provisions shall be sworn or affirmed to, and a Certificate thereof from such Officer, be received by the said Collector : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the Contrary hereof, in anywise, notwithstanding.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That ^{Col.} Benjamin Wickham and Mr. Elisha Brown be, and they are, and each of them, is hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire where a suitable Vessel may be either bought or hired, to be made Use of for the Defence of the Colony, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Joseph Skeldon be, and he hereby is appointed to finish the Pest-Houses in Providence, at the Charge of the Colony.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That George Brown, Esq; and Mr. Samuel Ward be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill, to prevent Soldiers, Servants, Apprentices, &c. being carried off to Sea, and present the same unto this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. George Brown and Nicholas Brown be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to inspect all the Laws of this Colony, prohibiting the Exportation of Provisions out of the same, and compare them with the Act made and passed this Session, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. the Speaker of the Lower House, *Peter Boars*, and *James Sheffield*, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive of the General Treasurer all the Bills of public Credit emitted by this Colony, called *Crown-Point-Bills*, which he has taken, or may receive in Exchange for the Silver and Gold deposited in his Hands for that Purpose, and burn the same from time to time, as they shall think proper.

Whereas *Obadiah Brown*, Esq; and Mr. *Daniel Smith*, decline taking any farther Care of *Waybasset* Bridge in the Town of *Providence* : *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. *Joseph Bucklin* be, and he is hereby appointed in their Room, to take the Care of the Bridge aforesaid, and keep the same in good Repair : And that whoever shall fasten any Vessel unto any Part of said Bridge, above the Trussels, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of Ten Pounds for every Offence ; to be recovered by the Town-Treasurer of *Providence* for the Time being, by an Action of the Case, at a Court of Justices ; and that all Fines so recovered, be appropriated towards keeping the said Bridge in Repair.

Both Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose and appointed his Honor the Governor, *James Honyman*, and *George Brown*, Esqrs. Commissioners on the Part of this Colony, to wait upon his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun* at the approaching Congress in *Boston*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. the Speaker of the Lower House, and *Peter Beurs*, Esq, be, and they are hereby appointed to wait on Capt. *Peter Harrison*, and render him the Thanks of this Government for all Favors they have receiv'd from him, and in particular for the two Plans of the Fort, and to request him to lend another of the said Plans unto the Commissioners appointed to wait on his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun* at the Congress in *Boston*.

Whereas *Dennis Montaigne* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance on the General Assembly their present Session, for Wood and Candles by him supplied for their Use : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-one Pounds Eight Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Dennis Montaigne* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly having duly considered, do approve the Draught that hath been made and presented unto them, for the Form of

a Commission to be issued unto his Honor the Governor, *James Honyman*, and *George Brown*, Esqrs. whom this Assembly have chosen and appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session: That the Secretary publish by Beat of Drum, in the Town of Newport, all the Acts and Orders now made and passed, within five Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which is hereby adjourned to the twenty-fifth Day of this Instant January.

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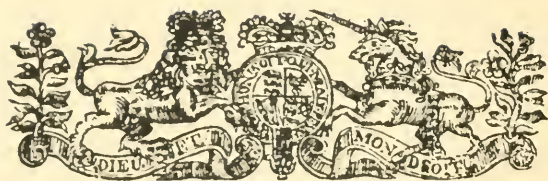
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At



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Dep. Governor, and holden at *Providence*, within and for said Colony, on *Wednesday* the Twenty-sixth of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth,

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. JOHN GARDNER, Esq; Dep. Gov.

NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;	} Assist.	JOSEPH BROWNEL, jun. Esq;	} Assist.
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPITT, Esq;	
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	} Providence;
Lieut. Col. Benj. Wickham,	
The Speaker,	
Peter Bours, Esq;	
Capt. Joseph Wanton, jun.	} Portsmouth;
Mr. William Read.	
	Gideon Durfey, Esq;

William

<i>William Earl</i> , Esq;	} Charles town ;
<i>Mr. Nathan Chace</i> .	} <i>Gideon Hoxfie</i> , Esq;
Warwick ;	} West-Greenwich ;
<i>Col. Benoni Waterman</i> ,	} <i>Mr. Samuel Dyre</i> .
<i>Mr. Daniel Greene</i> ,	} Coventry ;
<i>Othniel Gorton</i> , Esq;	} <i>Mr. Job Greene</i> .
<i>Capt. James Greene</i> .	} Exeter ;
Westerly ;	} <i>Capt. John Reynolds</i> ,
<i>Maj. Joshua Clarke</i> ,	} <i>Capt. Simon Smith</i> .
<i>Mr. Samuel Ward</i> .	} Middletown ;
Newshorcham ;	} <i>Mr. William Bailey</i> .
None.	} Bristol ;
North-Kingstown ;	} <i>Maj. Thomas Greene</i> ,
<i>Mr. Thomas Allen</i> ,	} <i>Nathanicl Fales</i> , Esq;
South-Kingstown ;	} Tiverton ;
<i>Jeremiah Niles</i> , Esq;	} <i>Thomas Anthony</i> , Esq;
<i>Latham Clarke</i> , Esq;	} Little-Compton ;
East-Greenwich ;	} <i>Mr. Thomas Church</i> ,
<i>Joseph Nichol</i> ; Esq;	} <i>Mr. Thomas Brownel</i> .
<i>Mr. Thomas Casey</i> .	} Warren ;
Jamestown ;	} <i>Capt. Josiah Humphreys</i> ,
<i>Capt. William Hazzard</i> ,	} <i>Capt. Benj Barton</i> .
<i>Mr. Edward Carr</i> .	} Cumberland ;
Smithfield ;	} <i>John Dexter</i> , Esq;
<i>Thomas Owens</i> , Esq;	} Richmond ;
<i>Capt. John Sayles</i> , jun.	} None.
Scituate ;	} Cranston ;
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;	} <i>John Potter</i> , Esq;
Glocester ;	} <i>Mr. Christopher Waterman</i> .
<i>Capt. John Smith</i> .	

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Cranston* and *Peter Bours*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer, with Regard to the Light-House, and make Report unto the General Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Whereas *Samuel Thayer*, who was apprehended and brought before this Assembly, at their Session in November last, for grossly abusing them, has not yet made Satisfaction for the same : This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Samuel Thayer* be immediately apprehended by a Warrant from the Secretary, and committed to His Majesty's

Gaol in *Providence*, there to remain and be confined, for his said Abuse, until farther Orders from this Assembly.

Whereas *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for summoning the Members of the General Assembly that live in his County, to meet at *Providence*, on the tenth Day of this Instant *January*, and hold the Session which was had there at that Time, pursuant to the Warrants of his Honor the Governor : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Arnold* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Mr. William Paul*, a Deputy Sheriff in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Service and Expences in notifying the Members of the General Assembly that live in said County, to meet at *Providence* on the tenth of this Instant *January*, and hold the Session which was had there at that Time, pursuant to the Warrants of his Honor the Governor : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Paul* out of the General Treasury.

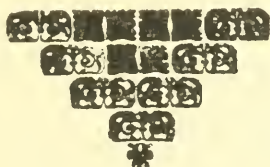
Whereas *Capt. John Weight*, one of the Deputies of the Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Service and Expences in summoning the Members of the General Assembly that live in said County, to meet at *Providence*, and hold the Session which was had there on the tenth of this Instant *January*, pursuant to the Warrants of his Honor the Governor : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Fourteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Weight* out of the General Treasury.

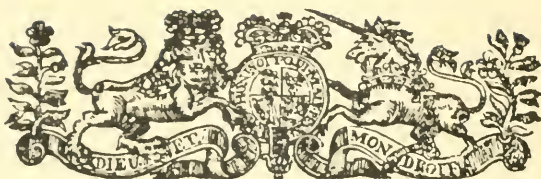
Whereas the Gentlemen that were appointed a Committee to make the Draught of an Answer to the Letter sent this Assembly by his Honor the Governor from the Congress at *Boston*, have performed that Service, and laid the same before this Assembly : Who having duly considered it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Draught be, and is hereby approved, and that a fair Copy be thereof made, in order to its being signed by his Honor the Deputy Governor, and sent to *Boston*.

Whereas

Whereas *John Wheaton* preferred a Petition unto this Assembly; at their Session holden at *Providence* on the tenth Day of this Instant *January*, and set forth, That he being accused of Trading with *French* Subjects, contrary to Law, his Goods were seized, and are now detained from him; and thereupon prayed, that he might be brought to a Trial before the Court that was at that Time sitting in *Providence*, within and for the County of *Providence*: But nothing being then done with Regard to said Petition, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Wheaton* shall have a Trial upon the subject Matter thereof, at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden by Adjournment at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the County of *Kent*, on Monday next, being the thirty-first of this present Month: That the Bonds by the said *John Wheaton* given, be, and continue in Force, until the Determination of said Affair: And that a proper Person be by said Court appointed to prosecute the same.

Both Houses adjourned until Monday next, in order to meet and proceed upon farther Business, at Three of the Clock Afternoon.





At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA*; begun, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Dep. Governor, and holden at *Providence*, within and for said Colony, on *Tuesday* the first of *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. JOH N G A R D N E R, Esq; Dep. Gov.

NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;	} Ass ^t .	JOSEPH BROWNE, jun. Esq;	} Ass ^t .
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		JEREMIAH LIPPITT, Esq;	
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E U T I E S of the several T O W N S.

The Hon. THOMAS GRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	}	Providence;
Lieut. Col. Benj. Wickham,		Mr. Elisha Brown,
The Speaker,	}	Mr. Nicholas Brown,
Peter Bours, Esq;		Henry Harris, Esq;
Capt. Joseph Wanton, jun.	}	Portsmouth;
Capt. William Mumford,		Gideon Dursley, Esq;
Mr. William Read.		William Earl, Esq;

Mr.

Mr. <i>Nathan Chace.</i>		Charlestown ;
Warwick ;		<i>Gideon Hoxsie, Esq;</i>
Col. <i>Benoni Waterman,</i>		West-Greenwich ;
Mr. <i>Daniel Greene,</i>		Mr. <i>Samuel Dyre.</i>
<i>Othniel Gorton, Esq;</i>		Coventry ;
Capt. <i>James Greene.</i>		<i>Caleb Greene, Esq;</i>
Westerly ;		Mr. <i>Job Greene.</i>
Maj. <i>Joshua Clarke,</i>		Exeter ;
Mr. <i>Samuel Ward.</i>		Capt. <i>John Reynolds,</i>
Newshoreham ;		Capt. <i>Simon Smith.</i>
None.		Middletown ;
North-Kingstown ;		Mr. <i>William Bailey.</i>
Mr. <i>Thomas Allen,</i>		Bristol ;
South-Kingstown ;		Maj. <i>Thomas Greene,</i>
<i>Jeremiah Niles,, Esq;</i>		<i>Nathaniel Fales, Esq;</i>
<i>Latham Clarke, Esq;</i>		Tiverton ;
East-Greenwich ;		None.
<i>Joseph Nichols, Esq;</i>		Little-Compton ;
Mr. <i>Thomas Casey.</i>		Mr. <i>Thomas Church,</i>
Jamestown ;		Mr. <i>Thomas Brownel.</i>
Capt. <i>William Hazzard,</i>		Warren ;
Mr. <i>Edward Carr.</i>		Capt. <i>Joshiah Humphreys,</i>
Smithfield ;		Cumberland ;
<i>Thomas Owens, Esq;</i>		<i>John Dexter, Esq;</i>
Capt. <i>John Sayles, jun.</i>		Richmond ;
Scituate ;		Capt. <i>Peleg Thomas.</i>
None.		Cranston ;
Glocester ;		<i>John Potter, Esq;</i>
Capt. <i>John Smith,</i>		Mr. <i>Christopher Waterman.</i>
<i>Richard Steere, Esq;</i>		

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Maj. *Thomas Greene* and *Nathaniel Fales, Esq;* be, and are hereby appointed a Committee, to examin two Bonds laid before this Assembly, given by *Joseph Munroe*, who lately forfeited all his Estate, real and personal, unto the Colony ; one of which Bonds was made to *Edward Luther*, and the other to *Joseph Kelly* : That the said Committee enquire what is justly due upon them, as also into all other the Circumstances that respect the said *Munroe's* Estate, and make Report unto the General Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Colony's Secretary, for the Time being, shall be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury.

fury, the Sum of *Five Shillings Lawful Money*, for every Day's Attendance upon the General Assembly ; and that the present Secretary be allowed the like daily Wages for his Attendance on the General Assembly, as well at their Session held at *Providence* the last Wednesday of *October*, as at the other Sessions holden since that Time.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved. That *Nicholas Euston*, Esq; *Lieut. Col. Benj. Wickham*, and *Mr. Samuel Ward* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to revise the *Tables of Fees allowed unto the several Officers* in this Colony ; that they make such Alterations therein, as they shall think reasonable, and present their Report unto the General Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Whereas *Edward Scott*, Esq; *Messrs. Joseph Jacob, Daniel Ayrault*, and others, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That they have lent the Colony several Sums of Money, when the Government hath been under great Necessity thereof : That they have taken the General Treasurer's Bonds for the same, most of which are now due, but they cannot obtain either Principal or Interest : That they look upon *this* as a very great Hardship, especially as Bills of Credit have greatly depreciated since they parted with their Money, and so forth : And upon the whole, prayed, That, as it is not in the Treasurer's Power to pay them at this Juncture, the Sums, due to them respectively, may be settled, and the Money stated at the real Value it bore when they supplied the Colony : That the Treasurer may be directed to renew his Bonds accordingly ; and that upon a Compliance with those Terms, they will be content with Interest at and after the Rate of *Six per Cent. per Annum*.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to pay the Petitioners their respective Debts, as soon as Monies come into his Hands.

Whereas *Mr. William Read* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, for Work done by himself and Servants at *Fort George* ; for sundry Disbursements, in furnishing Materials to carry on said Work ; for his Commissions, and so forth. And this Assembly having taken said Account into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Thousand and Thirty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Eight Pence, of the Ballance, as stated by the said *William Read*, be allowed and paid him out of the General Treasury ; the Commissions by him charged, having been deducted at the Time said Allowance was made.

This

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Stephen Rawson* be, and he is hereby chosen Lieutenant of the first Company, or train'd Band, in the Town of *Providence*, in the Room of *William Donnison*, who is gone to Sea ; and *Knight Dexter* Ensign of said Company, in the Room of *Mr. Rawson* advanced as above.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Magistrates and Deputies shall have an Allowance made them for their extraordinary Services in attending on the General Assembly since last *October*, and unto the End of this present Session, that is to say ; Each Magistrate shall be allowed Six Shillings Lawful Money *per Day*, out of the General Treasury, and each Deputy the Sum of Five Shillings of the like Money *per Day*, to be paid him by the Town that he represents ; and that the Secretary, and Clerk of the Lower House, make out Tickets accordingly.

“ WE the Subscribers, dissent from the annexed Vote, for the following Reasons.

1. Because the Government is greatly in Debt.
2. For there is a great Dispute in many Towns for their Deputies, and that *there are enough, willing to go without Pay.*
3. That there was but one more than a Quorum of the House, when said Vote was passed.

So that, on the Whole, we are of Opinion, that the same ought not to pass as a general Act.

*Elisba Brown,
Thomas Owen.”*

Whereas an Account charged against *David Wilkinfon*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, by *Jacob Whitman*, was exhibited unto this Assembly, for mending a large Lock in His Majesty's Gaol in said County ; for Plates, Brads, and so forth : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Fourteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jacob Whitman* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *David Wilkinfon*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Twenty-eight Pounds, by him charged against the Colony, for summoning the Members of the General Assembly in his said County living, to meet and hold the Session that was had at *Providence* on the tenth of *January* last ; for warning the Members of the General Assembly to meet and hold two other Sessions, one on the twenty-sixth Day of the same Month, and the other on the first Day of this Instant *February* ; and for Money by him advanced, to purchase two Locks for the Court-House in *Providence* : Which being duly examined,

examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Twenty-two Pounds of said Account be, and is hereby allowed, and shall be paid the said *David Wilkinfon* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas this Assembly have been informed, that several of the Soldiers that went in the late Expeditions against *Crown-Point*, have behaved very badly, some having sold, and others retained, the Colony's Arms: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Deputies of each respective Town in this Colony be, and they are hereby appointed, and fully empowered, to enquire into that Affair; to seize all Small Arms that they shall suspect to belong unto the Colony; to examin all Persons in whose Hands they shall be found, how they came by them, and return their Names unto the General Assembly; and also to take up and secure all Soldiers who have sold or detained any of the Colony's Arms.

AN ACT for the more easy Recovering of small Debts, and for preventing unnecessary Charges in Law-Suits, within this Colony.

WHEREAS by the Method now in Practice, for recovering small Debts in this Colony, the Costs and Charges thereon arising, often amount to more than the real Value of the Debt sued for, whereby many of the poorer Sort are often brought into great Distress.

For preventing whereof in Time to come,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, the Justices or Wardens of the Peace in this Colony, or any two of them, shall, where any Action or Suit may happen or arise, have full Power and Authority to hear, try, and determin all Actions of the Case, Account, Debt, Detinue, and Trespass (where the Title of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, is not in Dispute), that is to say, where the Debt or Damage amounts not to more than Twenty Pounds Old-Tenor, and to give Judgment therein, and award Execution thereon (the Colony's Bonds excepted), saving always the Liberty of an Appeal, as heretofore is by Law established. And the Writ to be issued in such Case, shall be directed to the Sheriff, or his Deputy, or to either of the Town Sergeants or Constables, in the County wherein the Action shall happen or arise, and shall be duly served ~~within~~ six Days at least, before the Day of hearing and trying such Case.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Creditor by Book-Account, where the Ballance by his own Books does not exceed Twenty Pounds, may bring his Action for
said

said Ballance, in Manner as abovesaid : And the Defendant in such Action, may exhibit in Court, his Account against the Plaintiff, and the Court shall settle the true Ballance or Difference of their Accounts, give Judgment therein, and award Execution thereon : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the Contrary, in anywise, notwithstanding.

A N D be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person or Persons, whether sued or not sued, shall have Liberty to go with his Creditor before any Justice or Warden of the Peace, and there, in the Presence of his Creditor, confess Judgment for the Sum that he or she owes ; and such Justice or Warden, is hereby impowered and required, to make a Record of such Confession, to tax the lawful Costs thereon arising, and to award Execution for such Debt and Costs ; which Execution so to be granted, shall be returned to the Justice that issued the same, or to his Successor in said Office, within fifty Days next after the granting such Execution.

A N D be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Justice or Warden of the Peace, shall have and take lawful Fees, as well for recording the Confession of Judgment, as for the Execution to be thereon issued : The Officer that serves either Writ or Execution, shall have and take the Fees, stated by Law for such Service, against every Plaintiff or Defendant recovering Judgment : And every Witness attending a Justice's Court, shall be allowed lawful Fees : And the Justice or Warden, on his holding a Court, shall be also allowed lawful Fees for entering every Action : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the Contrary, in anywise, notwithstanding.

An A C T to prevent Canoes and Boats being made fast to the Pillars and Butments of the Bridge at *Patuxet Falls*.

W H E R E A S much Damage has been done by Boats and Canoes being made fast unto the Pillar and Butments of the Bridge, called Patuxet Bridge, and by ill-minded Persons throwing Stones off the Pillar and Butments of said Bridge :

*B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, if any Person or Persons do, or shall make fast any Canoe or Boat, unto the Pillar or Butments of the Bridge aforesaid, or throw any Stones from off the same, or either of them, he, she, or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of Ten Pounds Old-Tenor ; to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace, to whom Complaint shall be made, in either of the Towns of *Warwick* or *Cranston* : One Half to and*

for the Use of the Complainer, and the other Half to be paid into the Treasury of the Town where such Complaint shall be made.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That James Rhodes, Esq; and Capt. Stephen Remington be, and they are hereby appointed to have the Oversight and Care of said Bridge for the future.

MONDAY, February 7.

This Morning his Honor the Governor joined the Upper House.

Whereas his Honor the Deputy Governor represented unto this Assembly, That *Daniel Knowles* of *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *Kings County*, some Time past, brought an Action against him at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in said County, upon a Note that his Honor gave while he was General Treasurer, promising to deliver said *Knowles* a Set of Bonds by him made and given unto the Grand Committee, in Lieu of another Set given by *Jeffry Haszard* for the same Sum ; but before his Honor could perform the Promise by him so made, the Chest was taken from him, and placed in the Hands of the Treasurer of the Grand Committee, where the said Bonds were accidentally mislaid : That the Action was continued from Court to Court, during which Time, the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office found both Sets of Bonds : Nevertheless, an Execution for Costs, hath been sued out against his Honor ; who thereupon prayed for such Relief as should be thought proper, seeing there was no Default in him as an Officer.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Costs of the Suit aforesaid, be paid out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Obadiab Brown*, Esq; and Others, Inhabitants of *Providence*, represented unto this Assembly, That a *Drawbridge* made in the large Bridge called *Weybosset-Bridge*, in said Town, will be very serviceable ; so that all Vessels that draw not too much Water for the Channel above said Bridge, may pass and repass up and down, to lade and unlade Lumber, Goods, and Merchandize, and thereby be of Advantage to all Merchants, Traders, Boatmen, &c. That in order to have one, they have made several Subscriptions, and requested this Assembly to grant them Liberty to effect it, and to draw out of the Fund appropriated to the Use of the said Bridge, so much Money as will be sufficient for the Building of one strong Stone Pillar for that Purpose. And this Assembly having taken the Affair into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Daniel Smith and John Bucklin be, and they hereby are appointed*

appointed to build a Stone Pillar under the aforesaid *Weybosset* Bridge, and for that Purpose draw a Sum not exceeding Four Hundred Pounds, out of the Money in the Treasury of the Town of *Providence*, appropriated to repair said Bridge, and render an Account unto the General Assembly, when the Work is completed ; and that the Gentlemen who made the Subscriptions aforesaid, have Liberty to erect a Drawbridge in the said *Weybosset* Bridge, at their own Cost and Charge.

TUESDAY, February 8.

This Morning *James Honyman*, Esq; joined the Upper House, and *George Brown*, Esq; the Lower House.

Whereas *Isaac Lawrence* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for going to *Newport* from *Providence*, by Order of Judge *Richmond*, to get the Superior Court adjourned : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Two Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Isaac Lawrence* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Information hath been made, by the Oath of Mr. *Daniel Wall*, That *John Wheaton* of *Warren*, hath greatly abused, and threatned the Members of this Assembly : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Wheaton* be immediately apprehended, by a Warrant to be issued by the Secretary, and directed to the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* ; and that the said *John Wheaton* be brought before this Assembly, and held to answer for his said Misdemeanor.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War and Commissary, lay all their Accounts, since the last Audit, before the General Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sloop in which *John Wheaton* lately came from Sea, and the Goods that were brought therein, which were seized by the Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, be discharged.

Whereas his Honor the Governor, *James Honyman*, and *George Brown*, Esqrs. who were appointed by the General Assembly, to wait on his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, at the Congress in *Boston*, having performed that Service, presented this Assembly with a Report of their Conduct on that Occasion : Which being read, and duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That their said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

This

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to give the Commissary Orders to prepare the Accounts of Provisions and Transportation furnished by this Colony in the last Expedition against *Crown-Point*, that the same may be presented unto Mr. *Kilbey*, Agent Victuallar, in order for Payment.

This Assembly do Vote, Resolve, and Declare, and it is Voted, Resolved, and Declared, That it is the true Intent and Meaning of the Charter which was granted unto this Colony by *King Charles the Second*, on the eighth Day of *July*, One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-three, that notwithstanding it is necessary there should be seven Members of the Upper House present, to make a *Quorum* for doing public Business, yet the Governor, Deputy Governor, or any one or more of the Assistants, have, and always had Power to adjourn that House from Day to Day, until there should appear a Number sufficient for doing Business. And, for exacting a strict Attendance of the Members of the Upper House, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof,* It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, every Member of said House, who shall not give his personal Attendance on the first Day that now is, or may hereafter be appointed, for opening and holding any future Session of the General Assembly, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of Ten Pounds Old-Tenor, to be disposed of for the Colony's Use, unless he is able to make a satisfactory Excuse for his Absence.

An A C T for taking a true Account of the Value of all Rateable Estates, and the Value of all Rateable Polls, within this Colony.

W H E R E A S Complaint has been made by the Inhabitants of several Towns within this Government, that the public Rates and Taxes have been unequally proportioned.

Wherefore, and to prevent that Inconvenience for the future, and in order that the true Proportion which every Town ought to pay, may be exactly known,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the Persons herein after nominated, be, and they are hereby appointed and directed forthwith to take an exact and true Account of all the rateable Estates, and the Number of rateable Polls in each Town in this Colony, and present the same, under their Hands and Seals, upon Oath, or solemn Affirmation, to the General Assembly, at their Session to be holden at *Newport* on the first Wednesday of *May* next. And the Persons that shall be appointed to take the Account aforesaid, are hereby directed to set up Notifications, requiring all the Inhabitants

habitants of the Town for which they shall be so appointed, to bring in and present unto them, upon Oath, or solemn Affirmation, within fifteen Days after the Day of the Date of said Notifications, an exact and true Account of their whole rateable Estates, and of the Number of rateable Polls in their respective Families.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall refuse or neglect to give in an Account of his or her rateable Estate and Polls, upon Oath or solemn Affirmation, within the Time herein before limited, the Persons to whom such Account ought to be given, are hereby directed and fully empowered to use all proper Means to find out the true Value of such Persons whole rateable Estate, and to estimate the Value of the same accordingly ; and such Person so refusing to give in an Account of his or her rateable Estate, shall, in the next Colony-Rate, be rated or assessed two-fold, according to the Estimate made of his or her Estate, and shall have no Relief.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Articles following, and no other, shall be deemed rateable Estate, that is to say, All Lands, both improved and unimproved, with the Houses, Mills, Wharves, and other Buildings thereon ; all Slaves ; all neat Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Goats, and Hogs ; all trading Stock, Money, and Securities for Money ; all Silver-wrought Plate ; all Bills of Credit, and Securities for the same, whether due from Persons in this Colony, or any of the neighbouring Governments ; all Bills of Exchange, and all Vessels : And all rateable Estate shall be estimated at the full Value thereof, except Vessels, Cargoes, Goods, and Monies out of Port, which shall be estimated at one Third of the real Value thereof ; *provided,* that no private Man of War, nor any Lands actually belonging to, and occupied by the native Indians, shall be included in the Estimate to be made as aforesaid. *Provided also,* That all Persons giving in, upon Oath or Engagement, a List of his or her rateable Estate, may deduct therefrom such Debts as they actually owe.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons who shall be appointed to take an Account of all rateable Estates and Polls, if they cannot find out the true Value of any Person's Estate, by the List given in, may, and they are hereby directed and fully empowered to go in Person and view the same, and make the best Estimate they can thereof ; and every Person, on such Examination, found to have given an imperfect Account of his or her rateable Estate or Polls, shall also be taxed two-fold in the next Colony-Rate.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person, who shall give in, upon Oath, or solemn Affirmation, a false or unjust List of his or her rateable Estate or Polls, shall suffer the Pains and Penalties of Perjury.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Oath or Affirmation to be taken by Persons who cannot give in exact Lists of their rateable Estates, shall be in the following Form, to wit:

YOU do solemnly swear [affirm] that according to the best of your Knowledge, your rateable Estate is not worth more than the Sum you have now given in: So help you G o d. [And this you affirm to be the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth, upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.]

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons who shall be appointed to take the Estimate of all rateable Estates and Polls, do, and they are hereby directed to make out a fair Copy of all their Proceedings, and to lodge the same in the Office of the respective Town Clerks, who are hereby directed to take Care of said Copy.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person herein after appointed to take the Estimate of the several Towns, who shall neglect to do his Duty, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, to and for the Use of the Colony; to be recovered by the General Treasurer in an Action of the Case, to be brought at the first Inferior Court which shall be held in the County where the Offender lives: And each Person shall be allowed Three Pounds Old-Tenor per Day, out of the respective Town Treasuries, for every Day which he shall spend in taking the Account of the rateable Estates and Polls, as above directed.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons whose Names immediately follow, be, and they are hereby appointed to take an Account of the Value of all rateable Estates, and the Number of rateable Polls, in the respective Towns for which they are hereby appointed, to wit:

For NEWPORT; Messrs. Jonathan Thurston, Rowse Potter, and Charles Wickham.

Providence; Henry Harris, Barzillai Richmond, and George Brown, Esqrs.

Portsmouth; Jonathan Freeborn, Esq; Mr. Nathan Chace, and Robert Dennis, Esq;

Warwick; Messrs. Joseph Lippitt, James Rhodes, and Samuel Greene.

Westerly; Joseph Crandal, Esq; Messrs. Elisha Clarke, and John Maxson the third.

Newshoreham; Capt. Edward Sands, Robert Hull, Esq; and Mr. Nathaniel Littlefield.

North-Kingstown; Francis Willet, Esq; Messrs. Henry Wall, and Ezekiel Gardner.

South-Kingstown ; *Jeremiah Niles*, Esq; *Thomas Brown*, Esq; and *Mr. Benjamin Peckham*, jun.

East-Greenwich ; *Mr. Benjamin Greene*, *Giles Pearce*, Esq; and *Mr. Abiel Hall*.

Jamestown ; *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; Messrs. *John Hull*, and *Daniel Weeden*, jun.

Smithfield ; *William Jenckes*, and *Thomas Owen*, Esqrs. and *Mr. Jacob Arnold*.

Scituate ; *Charles Harris*, *Job Randal*, and *John Fisk*, Esqrs.

Glocester ; *Joseph Winsor*, Esq; Messrs. *Jonah Steere*, and *Abner Bartlet*.

Charlestown ; *Capt. Robert Potter*, *Gideon Hoxsie*, Esq; and *Mr. Joseph Hoxsie*.

West-Greenwich ; *Philip Greene*, Esq; Messrs. *Thomas Rogers*, and *Gideon Ellis*.

Coventry ; *Caleb Greene*, and *Stephen Potter*, Esqrs. and *Mr. John Bucklin*.

Exeter ; *Capt. John Reynolds*, *Capt. John Weight*, and *Benoni Hall*, Esq;

Middletown ; Messrs. *Samuel Allen*, *Joshua Coggesball* (Son of *James*) and *Capt. William Turner*.

Bristol ; *Thomas Greene*, *Nathaniel Fales*, and *Joseph Ruffel*, Esqrs.

Tiverton ; *Samuel Durfey*, Esq; *Mr. John Brown*, and *Rebecca Sanford*, Esq;

Little-Compton ; *Nathaniel Searl*, Esq; *Doctor William Wilbore*, and *Mr. Thomas Church*.

Warren ; *James Brown*, Esq; *Capt. Josiah Humphreys*, and *Mr. Nathan Miller*.

Cumberland ; *Job Bartlet*, *Jeremiah Whipple*, and *John Dexter*, Esqrs.

Richmond ; Messrs. *Stephen Hoxsie*, *Thomas Clarke*, and *David Stanton*.

Cranston ; Messrs. *John Burton*, *John Clarke*, and *Nathaniel Williams*.

W H E R E A S the General Assembly, at a Session begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the third Tuesday of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-eight, made and passed " *an Act for the Preservation of Deer in this Colony*," and thereby imposed a Fine of Six Pounds upon every Person that should be guilty of breaking said Act ; which Fine hath been found Insufficient since the Depretiation of the Paper Currency :

B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, the Fine of all such as shall transgress or violate the Law or Act aforesaid, be, and hereby is augmented to Four Pounds Lawful Money.

Whereas

Whereas the Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, hath returned the Precept issued by the Secretary against *John Wheaton* of *Warren*, for abusing this Assembly greatly, and threat'ning the Members thereof, that the said *John Wheaton* is not to be found within his Precinct : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That a new Warrant be given out by the Secretary, and directed to the Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, or his Deputy, requiring him to apprehend the said *John Wheaton*, and bring him before this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *John Cole*, *Nickolas Brown*, and *George Brown* of *Providence* be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of Capt. *Joseph Olney*, and all other Accounts of Charges relating to the Soldiers of *Shirley's* and *Pepperill's* Regiments, who lately passed thro' *Providence*, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That a Sloop of War, not exceeding the Burthen of One Hundred and Twenty Tons, be built and compleated to guard the Coast of this Colony, and that a Committee be appointed for that Purpose.

An A C T for raising, cloathing, and paying Four Hundred and Fifty able-bodied effective Men, for the ensuing Campaign against His Majesty's Enemies in *North-America*.

W H E R E A S his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun, Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in *North-America*, hath demanded of this Colony, an Aid of Four Hundred and Fifty able-bodied effective Men, to be employed in His Majesty's Service, for and during the ensuing Campaign in *North-America* :

B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That Four Hundred and Fifty able-bodied effective Men, including Officers, be forthwith raised in this Colony, to be employed in His Majesty's Service, under the immediate Command and Direction of his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun, for and during a Term of Time not exceeding one Year ; and that they be formed into five Companies, for every one of which, shall be appointed one Captain, two Lieutenants, and one Ensign ; and the whole to be commanded by one other Officer, to be appointed by this Assembly

A N D be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there be one Surgeon appointed for the said Five Companies, with an Allowance of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds Old-Tenor for his monthly Pay : And also, that the Officers shall be paid in
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Bills of public Credit of the Old-Tenor, as follows, *viz.* Each Captain, One Hundred and Forty Pounds; each first Lieutenant, One Hundred Pounds; each second Lieutenant, Ninety Pounds; and each Ensign, Eighty Pounds *per* Month; and that each inflicting Officer shall be allowed Forty Shillings for every able-bodied effective Man he shall inflict.

A N D for the more easy and expeditious raising said Men, *Be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That every able-bodied effective Man, who shall voluntarily enlist, shall receive a Bounty of Thirty Pounds Old-Tenor, and a good Blanket, at the Time of his enlisting, and be paid Twenty-five Pounds Old-Tenor Wages *per Month*, during the Time he continues in this Service ; and also shall be intitled to the same Privileges, Benefits, and Immunities, that were given or granted to the Soldiers raised for the first Expedition against *Crown-Point* ; and that every Apprentice, upon enlisting, shall receive the whole Bounty, and half the Wages due at his Return, and the Master shall receive the other Half.

A N D the Wages of the non-commission'd Officers, shall be augmented in the same Proportion with those of the common Soldiers. PROVIDED, That no commissioned Officer be exempted from an Arrest, by any Writ or Process, whether original or judicial, but shall be as liable to both, as if he had never entered into the Service.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committee of War be, and they hereby are directed and fully impowered, to draw out of the General Treasury, so much Money as will be necessary for the enlisting Officers, that may be appointed by the General Assembly, to pay the Bounties, and also to pay the advance Wages to the Soldiers, and to do every Thing requisite on the Part of the Colony, relative to this Expedition. P R O V I D E D, That the said Committee of War shall not advance to any Soldier more than one Month's Pay, until he is cloathed, as follows, *viz.* with three good Shirts, two Pair of good Stockings, two Pair of good Shoes. one good Watchcoat, and other Cloaths that are found and whole.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Lieut. Col. Benjamin Wickham, Lieut. Col. John Andrews, Col. William Pendleton, Col. Benoni Waterman, and Maj. Thomas Greene be, and they are hereby appointed Muster-Masters in their several Counties, and are directed and fully impowered to reject all Persons that they shall judge not effective, and unsuitable for the Service, and also to examin and take Care that each Soldier be cloathed as above directed : And in Case any of the Soldiers be

not so clothed, the respective Muster-Masters shall certify unto the Committee of War, what Cloaths each Man wants, and said Committee is hereby directed to supply him with every Thing necessary to compleat his Cloathing in the cheapest Manner, and for that Purpose make Use of as many of the Cloaths now belonging to the Colony, as they can : And that the Expence of the Cloathing be charged to each Soldier's Account, and deducted from his Wages when they afterwards become due.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That his Honor the Governor comissionate all Officers that shall be appointed in Consequence of this Act, and issue Orders for marching the Troops in such Manner, and at such Times, as his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun may request.

A N D in order to supply the Treasury with Money to defray the Expences that shall or may accrue to, or fall upon this Colony, with Regard to what they have undertaken for His Majesty's Service in the ensuing Campaign, *Be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the General Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed and fully impowered to hire, upon the best Terms he can, the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor on the Colony's Credit, for the Space of six Months, and that a suitable Committee be appointed to assist him in doing the same.*

A N D for repaying the said Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds, and to answer other Purposes of Government, *Be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Rate or Tax of One Hundred Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, to be levied, collected, and brought into the General Treasury on or before the last Day of December next.*

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That in Case it shall so happen, that the Four Hundred and Fifty Men demanded of this Government by his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun, and now ordered to be raised, should not be made up and compleated before the next Session of this Assembly, the Deficiency shall be proportioned unto the several Towns in this Colony, so that the Number demanded, may be ready to march at the Time his Lordship hath appointed : That every Inhabitant who enlisteth, shall be deemed and taken to be one of the Number, which the Town he belongs to, is obliged to furnish : That every transient Person, who may be enlisted, shall be taken and deemed to be one of the Number, that the Town where he enlists, ought to supply : And that an enlisting Officer be appointed in every Town, where Officers to go in the Expedition shall not be chosen.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose Officers to command the Troops ordered to be raised for the ensuing Campaign, as followeth, to wit ;

Samuel Angel, Esq; Chief Officer.

Captains.

Capt. <i>George Gardner</i> , jun. of the first	}	Company.
Capt. <i>John Potter</i> , jun. of the second		
Capt. <i>John Whiting</i> of the third		
Capt. <i>Jeremiah Greene</i> of the fourth		
Mr. <i>Daniel Wall</i> of the fifth		

First Lieutenants.

Mr. <i>Christopher Hargill</i> of the first	}	Company.
Mr. <i>Elkanah Spear</i> of the second		
Mr. <i>James Tew</i> , jun. of the third		
Mr. <i>Giles Ruffel</i> of the fourth		
Mr. <i>Nathaniel Peck</i> of the fifth		

Second Lieutenants.

Mr. <i>Isaac Wilbore</i> , jun. of the first	}	Company.
Mr. <i>Mark Noble</i> of the second		
Mr. <i>George Shearman</i> of the third		
Mr. <i>Samuel Hearn</i> of the fourth		
Mr. <i>Edward Tallbee</i> of the fifth		

Ensigns.

Mr. <i>Israel Peck</i> of the first	}	Company.
Mr. <i>Samuel Saunders</i> of the second		
Mr. <i>Amos Whiting</i> of the third		
Mr. <i>Jeffrey Willcox</i> , jun. of the fourth		
Mr. <i>Abel Gibbs</i> of the fifth		
Mr. <i>Christopher Nichols</i> , Surgeon's Mate.		

The Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the following List, were chosen inlisting Officers for the several Towns in which no Commission-Officer hath been appointed.

Capt. *Benjamin Cornell* for *Portsmouth*.
 Capt. *James Arnold*, jun. for *Warwick*.
 Mr. *Nathaniel Helme* for *South-Kingstown*.
 Capt. *Samuel Slocum* for *Jamestown*.
 Capt. *Christopher Relph* for *Scituate*.
 Capt. *Israel Sayles* for *Glocester*.
 Capt. *Clarke Rogers* for *West-Greenwich*.
 Capt. *Isaac Manchester* for *Tiverton*.
 Capt. *Nicholas Larkin* for *Richmond*.

This

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Obadiah Brown, Esq; George Brown, Esq; and Mr. Joseph Sheldon be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee to build the Sloop by this Assembly ordered to be built, for guarding the Coast of the Colony, and that they charge Nothing for their Time and Trouble.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. William Read be allowed Interest, at the Rate of Ten per Cent. per Annum, for the Money due to him from the Colony, upon the Ballance of his Account of Charges for carrying on the Fortification upon Goat-Island, in the Township of Newport, the Computation whereof, to commence the eighth of May last.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary be, and he hereby is directed to send, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, a Copy of the Act for taking a true Account of the Value of all Rateable Estates, and the Number of Rateable Polls, within this Colony, unto the Persons appointed to perform said Service, that is to say, a Copy unto each and every Town.

Whereas Dennis Montaign exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, for Money expended in purchasing Candlesticks, Snuffers, Wood, and other Necessaries, for the Use of the General Assembly, and for his Attendance upon them during this and their last Session : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Forty-seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings, the Amount hereof, be paid the said Dennis Montaign out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the present Committee of War be, and they hereby are continued unto the next Session of the General Assembly, with the same Power and Authority that they heretofore have had : And that, for all Business by them in the mean Time done, they be allowed and paid what the General Assembly shall think proper to allow ; And his Honor the Governor is hereby requested to put out a Proclamation, agreeable with the Act for raising the Four Hundred and Fifty Men demanded of the Colony, by his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War be, and they hereby are appointed to assist the General Treasurer in procuring the Money he is directed to hire for the Use of the Colony.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary publish in Newport, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders made and passed at this and the last Session, within twelve Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within forty, send each Town a Copy of all Acts and Orders that they have not yet been supplied with ; and that this Assembly be adjourned to the fourteenth Day of March next, notwithstanding the Adjournment unto the last Monday of February, by an Act made and passed at the Session at Providence, begun and holden on the third Monday of November last, which Act is hereby repealed.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA* ; begun and holden by Adjournment at *Providence*, in said Colony, on *Monday* the fourteenth of *March*. One Thoulund Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most. Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JOHN GARDNER, Esq; Dep. Gov.

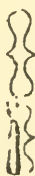
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The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

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Capt. *William Mumford*,
Mr. *William Read*.



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Capt. James Greene.		Caleb Greene, Esq;
Westerly ;		Mr. Job Greene.
Maj. Joshua Clarke,		Exeter ;
Newshorcham ;		Capt. John Reynolds,
None.		Capt. Simon Smith.
North-Kingstown ;		Middletown ;
Mr. Thomas Allen,		Mr. William Bailey.
Samuel Albro. Esq;		Bristol ;
South-Kingstown ;		Maj. Thomas Greene,
Jeremiah Niles, Esq,		Nathaniel Fales, Esq;
Latham Clarke, Esq,		Tiverton ;
East-Greenwich ;		Thomas Anthony, Esq;
Joseph Nichols, Esq;		Little-Compton ;
Mr. Thomas Casey.		Mr. Thomas Church,
Jamestown ;		Mr. Thomas Brownel.
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Smithfield ;		Capt. Benjamin Barton.
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Job Randal, Esq;		Capt. William Clarke, jun.
Charles Harris, Esq;		Capt. Peleg Thomas.
Glocester ;		Cranston .
Capt. John Smith,		John Potter, Esq;
Richard Steere, Esq;		Mr. Christopher Waterman.
Charlestown,		
Col. Christopher Champlin,		

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS the General Assembly, at their Session begun and holden at *Providence*, on Monday the tenth of *January* last, appointed a Committee to receive of the General Treasurer, all the Bills of public Credit emitted by this Colony, called *Crown-Point-Bills*, which he had taken, or might receive, in Exchange for the Silver and Gold deposited in his Hands for that Purpose, and burn the same from time to time, as they should think proper : And the said Committee having performed that Service, made the following Report, to wit :

“ WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to receive and burn all the *Crown-Point*

Point Money that was paid into the Treasury in Exchange for Gold and Silver and Treasurer's Notes, *do Report*, That we have received of *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; General Treasurer, One Hundred and Seventy-seven Thousand and Six Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six Pence of said *Crown-Point Money*, and have burnt the same : As witness our Hands this twenty-fourth Day of *February*, 1757.

Thomas Cranston, } Committee
Peter Bours, } for that
 Signed for *James Sheffield,* } Purpose.
 by *T. Cranston.*"

Unto which Report, the Gentlemen subjoined the following Account.

" C O L O N T, - Dr---

TO our Time and Trouble seven Days, - £. 63 - -

Thomas Cranston,
Peter Bours,
James Sheffield."

And this Assembly having taken said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby accepted ; and that the Account aforesaid be allowed, and Sixty-three Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Cranston*, *Peter Bours*, and *James Sheffield*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas there are sixty Hogsheads of Lime on Board a Sloop belonging to *Samuel Chace* of *Providence*, Esq; designed for *Halifax* in *Nov'a-Scotia*, to be used upon His Majesty's Fortifications *there*, but by Reason of the late Embargo, the said Sloop cannot proceed her Voyage ; yet forasmuch as Mr. *Lawrence*, Governor of that Province, hath by Letter, requested his Honor our Governor to permit the said Sloop to sail for *Boston* with the said sixty Hogsheads of Lime, and engaged that Care shall be taken to send them from that Port to *Halifax*, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be, and he hereby is desired to permit said Sloop to sail according to the Request above-mentioned.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *John Chaloner* be employed to furnish a Chest of Medicines for the Use of the Forces now raising in this Colony for the ensuing Campaign, provided he will procure as good and as cheap as any other Person would : That said Chest be inspected by the Doctor that shall be appointed for the Troops of this Colony, and that the Medicines do not exceed the Price or Cost of Eight Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor.

This

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Obadiab Brown, George Brown, and Samuel Chace, Esqrs. together with Mr. Joseph Lippitt, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of his Honor the Governor and Daniel Jenckes, Esq; as they are Members of the Committee of War; and also to audit the Accounts of Mr. Rufus Hopkins, as Commissary, and make Report unto the General Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Latham Clarke, James Helme, and Samuel Albro, Esqrs.* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Fifteen Shillings Lawful Money, by them charged against the Colony, as a Committee, for their Time, Trouble, and Expences, in examining the Collectors of Rates in the County of *Kings County*, with Regard to the *Crown-Point-Bills*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Pounds Old-Tenor, which is equal to the Sum by the said Committee charged, be paid the said Latham Clarke, James Helme, and Samuel Albro, out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *Nathaniel Gardner*, a Deputy Sheriff in the County of *Kings County*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Eight Pounds by him charged against the Colony, for warning the Collectors of Rates in said County, to appear before the Committee appointed to examin them, respecting the *Crown-Point-Bills*: And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Five Pounds thereof be, and hereby are allowed, and shall be paid the said Nathaniel Gardner out of the General Treasury.*

An ACT for dividing the Town of *Westerly*, and thereof making two distinct Townships, one to retain the Name of *Westerly*, and the other to be distinguished and known by the Name of *Hopkinton*.

WHEREAS a great Number of the Inhabitants of the Northern Part of the Town of *Westerly*, preferred a Petition, and remonstrated unto this Assembly, that the said Town being upwards of twenty Miles in length, they are much aggrieved, by Reason many of them are obliged to travel some fifteen or sixteen Miles to get an Instrument recorded, others eighteen or twenty Miles, when Business calls them before the Town Council, or to attend at a Court of Justices, the greater Part of the public Business being at this Day transacted and done in the Southern Parts of said Town; and thereupon prayed the same may be divided, Nature having cut it into two Parts by the large River, called and known by the Name of *Paucatuck*; and that they may be intitled to equal Privileges with the other Towns in this Colony.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said Town of Westerly be, and the same is hereby made and divided into two distinct and separate Towns, and that such Part thereof as lieth to the Southward of the aforesaid Paucatuck River, shall still be and remain a Town, holding its antient Name of Westerly ; and all the Lands lying to the Northward of said River, shall also be, and hereby is erected into and made a Town, to be distinguished, called, and known by the Name of Hopkinton ; and the Inhabitants thereof shall have, hold, and enjoy, all and singular the Liberties, Privileges, and Immunities, that the other Towns in this Colony are intitled to, Newshoreham and Jamestown excepted.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Money due unto the Town of Westerly aforesaid, for the Cedar Swamp, shall be legally secured, both Principal and Interest, unto those that live on the South Side of the aforesaid Paucatuck River, and they in Return, shall be wholly and solely at the Expence of defending said Swamp, and the Town of Hopkinton shall not be liable or subject to any Costs or Charges on that Account : That all the Town-Debts (except such as may have lately accrued on Account of the Swamp) shall be equally paid by the Towns of Westerly and Hopkinton : And all such Monies as were due to what, before this Act, was the Town of Westerly, shall be applied towards paying off said Town's Debts, except such as are due on Account of the Swamp.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every of the Justices of the Peace, that were chosen and appointed such for the Town of Westerly, and who live in that Part thereof that is now made Hopkinton, be, and they hereby are continued in their Offices, with as full Power and ample Authority, in every Respect, as they had in Consequence of their being chosen into and commissioned for said Office ; and that the Eldest of them issue his Warrant to call the Freemen of the said Town of Hopkinton, to meet together at some convenient Place within the same, in order to choose and appoint Officers necessary for managing and conducting the prudential Affairs of said Town.

Whereas Ambrose Page of Providence, in the County of Providence, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that his Father William Page of said Providence, made a Free gift to the Colony of the Lot of Land on which the Court-House of the County aforesaid stands ; which Lot, together with another whereon the old Gaol in said Providence was built, and other Lands of the Petitioner in the same Town, were subjected to an Entail : That he hath been at great Cost and Expence to dock the same, and thereupon prayed, that as the said Docking so

carried on, was not solely for his own Benefit, but that of the Colony also, some Part of the Cost and Expence may be reimbursed and allowed him out of the General Treasury.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That some Allowance shall be made the Petitioner towards reimbursing him a Part of the Cost and Expence he hath been at in the Matter aforesaid : And *Nicholas Cooks, Esq; George Brown, Esq;* and *Mr. Nicholas Brown* are hereby appointed a Committee to consider what that Allowance ought to be, and make Report thereof unto the General Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Whereas *Caleb Greene, Esq;* Clerk of the Town of *Coventry*, in the County of *Kent*, represented unto this Assembly, that *Benjamin Nichols*, late of said *Coventry*, preferred a Petition unto the General Assembly, at a Session holden in *Newport* on the third Monday of *August*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-nine, setting forth, that he had given a Mortgage Deed, with one Set of Bonds to the Grand Committee, and another Set unto the General Treasurer, for the Principal and Interest of a Sum of Money by him taken of the Colony upon Loan ; which Mortgage and Bonds had been altered after his Execution of them : Whereupon the General Assembly appointed a Committee to inspect the said Mortgage and Bonds, and make Report to the General Assembly at their next Session ; and by the same Act, prohibited the putting in Suit the Mortgage and Bonds aforesaid, till they should give farther Orders : That the said *Benjamin Nichols* hath since that Time disposed of the Land mortgaged to the Colony as aforesaid, to *Richard Tree* of *Coventry* aforesaid : That the said Committee having made no Report in the Affair, there hath been no Provision made for the said *Benjamin Nichols's* Relief (if any he ought to have) : That as there is a Law of the Colony, which forbids the Recording any Deed or Conveyance of Lands mortgaged to the Colony, before the Interest Bonds are exchanged in the General Treasurer's Office, his the said *Richard Tree's* Deed remains unrecorded, to his great Detriment, as it may happen, &c. And upon the whole prayed, that some Method may be pointed out for the Remedying of the Grievance aforesaid.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That in Case the Money now due to the Colony, on Account of the real Sum which the aforesaid *Benjamin Nichols* receiv'd of the Town's Committee, be paid, and good Security given for the Remainder, then the Deed aforesaid may be recorded, but not otherwise.

Whereas *Benjamin Sheffield* of *Jamestown*, in the County of *Newport*, preferred a Petition unto the General Assembly, at their Session

Session holden in *Newport* on Tuesday the twenty-second of *June* last, and represented, that notwithstanding the Prices of Ferriage in this Colony, are stated by Law, yet the Owners of the Ferries at *Newport*, *Jamestown*, and *Narragansett*, oblige all Persons that pass over said Ferries, to pay double of the lawful Price, which is greatly injurious to the Public: That he is one of those that have been thereby aggrieved; and having a Place convenient for setting up a Ferry on the West Side of *Jamestown* aforesaid, prayed to have Liberty granted him to do so.

And now the subject Matter of the Petition aforesaid, being duly considered,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said Benjamin Sheffield shall have, and hereby is granted him, Liberty to set up a Ferry on the West Side of *Jamestown*, for the Carrying and Transporting of all Persons that shall desire it, together with their Goods, Effects, Merchandizes, Cattle, Horses, and all other Things usually carried in a Ferry-Boat, provided he will erect a Wharff or Peer suitable for the Business, and take no greater Prices for Ferriage or Transportation, than was by Law allowed, at the Time when he preferred his aforesaid Petition.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That where Fines have been, or shall be paid by Persons that were draughted or impressed to go in the last Expedition against *Crown-Point*, all and every such Fines shall be paid into the Treasury of the Town in which such Fine or Fines have been, or shall be paid, excepting such Fines, or the Part of them that have or hath been appropriated to the Hiring of another or others to go in the Stead of him or them that paid, or shall pay such Fine or Fines.

Whereas *James Tew*, jun. preferred a Petition, and represented, that at the General Assembly holden at *South-Kingstown* in *February* last, he was appointed second Lieutenant of Capt. *George Gardner's* Company: That being afterwards commissioned, he went in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*: That he discharged his Duty so much to the Satisfaction of the General and the other Officers, that on the first Day of *September*, when Capt. *Amos Hammond* was broke and dismissed the Army, he the said *James Tew* was appointed first Lieutenant of the Company first above-mentioned; and as his Conduct in that Office was irreproachable, he prayed to be allowed the Pay of a first Lieutenant, for and during the Time he sustained said Office. And this Assembly having duly enquired into the subject Matter of the Petition aforesaid, Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said *James Tew* in his aforesaid Petition made, be, and the same is hereby granted, and the said *James Tew*, jun. shall accordingly have,

have, and be allowed the Pay of a first Lieutenant, from the Time he was appointed to that Office until his Discharge therefrom.

Benjamin Lawton, Esq; was chosen a Justice of the Peace for *Exeter*, in the County of *Kings County*, in the Room of *Joseph Rogers, Esq;* who hath removed from said *Exeter* to *South-Kingstown*.

Whereas *Obadiab Brown, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, for a large Book by him furnished for the Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Providence*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Forty-five Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Obadiah Brown* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Pay of the Doctor's Mate for the ensuing Campaign, shall be Ninety Pounds Old-Tenor *per Month*.

AN ACT in Addition to, and Explanation of an Act, made and pass'd by the General Assembly, at their Session holden in *Providence* on the first Day of *February* last, entituled, " An Act
" for taking a true Account of the Value of all Rateable
" Estates, and the Number of all Rateable Polls, within this
" Colony."

WHEREAS the aforesaid Act is expressed in such Terms, that it hath been doubted whether the Party is to estimate the Value of his or her Rateable Estate, or the Persons appointed to take the Account thereof; and also, whether Money due on Book-account, is to be deemed and estimated as Rateable Estate.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Persons appointed, or to be appointed, for taking an Account of the Value of all Rateable Estates, were, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the aforesaid Act, and hereby are declared to be, the Persons to settle and determin the Value in *Old-Tenor*, of all and every the Articles by said Act declared to be Rateable Estate, *excepting* Bills of Credit, and Securities for the same, trading Stock, and Book-Debts; of which the Persons themselves shall be allowed to estimate the Value, and *thereof* render an Account, after making a Deduction out of their personal Estates, of what Debts they justly owe, and shall be obliged to take an Oath, or make a solemn Affirmation, in the following Terms, to wit :

I A. B. do solemnly swear [affirm], that according to the best of my Knowledge, the List by me now given in, contains the whole of my Rateable Estate, after a Deduction of my just Debts; as also of the Number of Rateable Polls in my Family: So help me G O D. [And this I affirm to be the Truth, and nothing but the Truth, upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.]

A N D be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons appointed to take the Account, be impowered to administer the aforesaid Oath or Affirmation; and they themselves are hereby required to make Oath, or give their Engagement, to the Truth of their Returns, before any Justice of the Peace in the Towns where they respectively dwell.

A N A C T for impressing such and so many Men as shall be wanted, after the Returns made to the several Field Officers, to compleat and make up the Four Hundred and Fifty Men, by the General Assembly at their last Session order'd to be raised in this Colony for the ensuing Campaign.

W H E R E A S the General Assembly, at their Session began and holden in Providence on Tuesday the first of February last, made and passed "an Act for raising, cloathing, and paying Four Hundred and Fifty able-bodied effective Men, for the ensuing Campaign against " His Majesty's Enemies in North-America," to be under the immediate Command of his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun.

A N D whereas, by Instructions received from his Lordship, the said Men are to be in Readiness to march by the twenty-fifth Day of this Instant March.

B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same It is Enacted, That each respective Captain that is chosen to the Command of the Four Hundred and Fifty Men to be raised in this Colony, shall make his Return of every Man enlisted (it being certified by the Muster-Master, that he hath passed Muster) with his Name, and the Name of the Town to which he belongs, unto every Colonel in the Colony, or in his Absence, to the next Field Officer, by the twenty-fourth Day of this Instant March; which List said Field Officer shall examin, and thereupon set off to every Town in his District, the Number of Men that belongs to such Town to furnish, and shall send the Names of the other Men that do not belong to his District, to the several Towns unto which they respectively belong: Whereupon each respective Colonel, or the next Field Officer, shall immediately grant forth his Warrants to the Captain, or next Officer of each of the Troops of Horse, and of the Foot Company or Companies in every Town, that shall be found deficient in enlisting its proper Quota, immediately to impress and bring to

him so many able-bodied Men, fit for Soldiers, as shall make up each Town's Proportion, agreeable to the List in this Act hereafter to be set down and made : And every Man so impressed, shall be obliged to serve as a Soldier, or find a good able-bodied effective Man to serve in his Stead, unless he hath some *reasonable* or *lawful Excuse* to be made unto, heard, and fully determined by the three Field Officers, or any two of them, and one Captain, or by one Field Officer and two Captains of train'd Bands in the same Regiment : But no Captain who shall impress a Man, may be a Judge of his Excuse. And where any Man that hath been impressed, is excused, or doth not pass Muster, the Captain who impressed him, shall be ordered by the Field Officer who heard such Excuse, to impress another forthwith in his Stead. And any Man so impressed, upon his paying a Fine of One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor to one of the Field Officers in the same Regiment, shall be excused, and such Field Officer shall order another to be impressed in his Stead, according to the Officer's best Discretion, and so on from time to time, as often as any shall be excused, or pay a Fine, until the required Number of Soldiers shall be compleated and made up. And every Man who, after being impressed, will sign an Inlistment, and take the proper Oath, shall be intitled to, and receive the same Bounty, Privileges, and Immunities, as are given to such Soldiers as inlist voluntarily.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every of the *Artillery Companies* in this Colony, furnish their Proportion of Men that shall be deficient in the respective Towns to which they belong ; his Honor the Governor, or his Honor the Deputy Governor joining with the Colonel or next Field Officer, to proportion the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Captain of the said five Companies to be raised for the ensuing Campaign, muster and draw all the Soldiers, which they and their Officers have inlisted, together at the most proper and easy Place of Rendezvous, before or upon the twenty-third Day of this Instant *March*, and keep them together until they receive farther Orders : And that the Committee of War direct in what Manner the said five Companies shall be compleated, out of the Men impressed, or that may be inlisted in any County, more than their full Proportion. And that each Captain, or other commanding Officer, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, the Sum of Three Pounds Old-Tenor for each able-bodied effective Man that he shall return as aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the following shall be the Proportion of the Men to be raised in the several Towns within this Colony, that is to say : The Town of *Newport* shall furnish seventy-eight able-bodied effective

effective Men ; *Portsmouth* Eleven ; *Jamestown* Four ; *Middletown* Eight ; *Tiverson* Fourteen ; *Little-Compton* Thirteen ; *Providence* Thirty-seven ; *Smithfield* Twenty-two , *Scituate* Seventeen ; *Glocester* Seventeen ; *Cumberland* Eleven ; *Cranston* Seventeen ; *Westerly* Twenty-six ; *North-Kingstown* Nineteen ; *South-Kingstown* Sixteen ; *Charlestown* Nine ; *Exeter* Fifteen ; *Richmond* Ten ; *Bristol* Eleven ; *Warren* Eleven ; *Warwick* Twenty-one ; *East-Greenwich* Sixteen ; *West-Greenwich* Thirteen ; and *Coventry* Fourteen.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Field, or Commissioned Officer, shall neglect to do his Duty, as the same is herein afore-directed and ordered, he shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit of the Old-Tenor, to and for the Use of the Colony ; to be levied by Distress of his Goods and Chattels, in the Manner usual in such Cases. And all Fines of Soldiers, arising from this Act, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Town where the Person lives, that may pay his Fine ; which shall be disposed of to and for the Use of the said Town.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Copy of this Act be forthwith made, and sent by Express, or otherwise, unto the Field Officers in this Colony, on or before the nineteenth Day of this Instant March.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Captain of Fort George enlist twenty Soldiers for said Fort, at the Wages of Thirty Pounds Old-Tenor per Month, they finding themselves, and being subjected to the same Duties as the Soldiers at said Fort were the last Year ; and that the Committee appointed to carry on the Buildings of the said Fort, remove the Barracks therein, for the better carrying on the Work.

AND the Directors of the Lottery that was opened and set up for raising a Sum of Money to carry on the Building of the Fort aforesaid, are hereby directed to pay the neat Produce of said Lottery into the General Treasury ; and Capt. William Mumford is hereby empowered to draw the same out of the Treasury from time to time, as the Work shall require.

Whereas David Wilkinfon, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Providence, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account amounting to One Hundred and Two Pounds Two Shillings, by him charged against the Colony, for the Time, Horsehire, and Expences, of himself and his Aid, in going to Warren after John Wheaton and others, who were accused of having trafficked with the French, contrary to Law, and for seizing and securing the Goods, together with the Vessels in which they were imported, &c. And
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this Assembly having duly examined said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Ninety-six Pounds and Two Shillings thereof, be allowed and paid the said *David Wilkinson* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War be, and they are hereby directed and fully impowered to take up proper Vessels for transporting the Forces that are raising in this Colony for the ensuing Campaign.

AND his Honor the Governor is hereby requested to answer the Letters of Maj. General *Webb* and Mr. *James Syme*.

Whereas an Account charged by *William Taylor* against Capt. *John Whiting*, for Rum, Sugar, Butter, and Molasses, furnished him as an Officer in the Service of the Colony, was exhibited unto this Assembly : *They therefore Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and the same hereby is submitted to the Committee of War, who are directed to allow the said *William Taylor* what they shall think equitable.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Chief Officer of the Four Hundred and Fifty Men to be raised in this Colony for the ensuing Campaign, be allowed *Pay* at the Rate of Two Hundred and Ten Pounds Old-Tenor *per Month* ; and also shall have allowed him, Two Hundred and Ten Pounds of the like Currency for his Table.

Whereas an Account amounting to Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, was exhibited unto this Assembly, charged by *Benjamin Arnold*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, against the Committee that was appointed to examin the Collectors of Rates in said County : And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Five Pounds thereof be allowed and paid the said *Benjamin Arnold* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. *William Mumford* be, and he hereby is appointed to get the Lead taken off the Top of the Colony-House in the County of *Newport*, and deliver the same unto the Sheriff of that County, in order to its being kept safe for the Colony's Use ; and that the said *William Mumford* procure a small Hip-Roof to be raised on said House, to be shingled, and surrounded with a *Balustrade* ; all at the Charge of the Colony.

Whereas the Gentlemen that were appointed to examin the Collectors of Rates in the County of *Kent*, respecting the *Crown-Points-Bills*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account of Two Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence *Lawful Money*, by them charged

charged against the Colony, for their Time, Trouble, Horsehire, and Expences, in performing that Service : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and is hereby allowed, and shall be paid out of the General Treasury as followeth, to wit ; Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence to *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; Fifteen Shillings to Col. *Benoni Waterman*, and Ten Shillings to Mr. *John Spencer*

Whereas an Account was exhibited unto this Assembly, of the Charges and Expences of the Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly to wait on his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, at the Congress in *Boston*, that is to say ; for the Hire of a Negro to wait upon them ; for their Horsehire and Expences in going to *Boston* ; also whilst they tarried there ; and likewise on their Return : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and shall be paid to *James Honyman*, Esq; out of the General Treasury, to wit ; Three Hundred and Twenty-six Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eleven Pence Old-Tenor, of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds in Old-Tenor Bills of this Colony.

Whereas *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders made and passed by the General Assembly at their Sessions in *October* and *November* last ; for printing one Act and a Bill made and passed at the said Session in *November*, to wit, the Act for proportioning the Rates, and the Bill designed to ascertain the Value of Bills of public Credit ; for printing the Acts and Orders made and passed by the General Assembly at two Sessions in *January*, and one in *February* ; for printing on a separate Sheet, the Act for taking an Account of the Value of all Rateable Estates, and the Number of all Rateable Polls, within this Colony ; and for furnishing Paper to do the aforesaid Business upon : And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Two Hundred and Forty-four Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Dennis Montaign* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for cleaning and washing the County-House in *Providence* ; for Wood and other Necessaries furnished for the Members of the General Assembly ; and for his Attendance upon them during the present Session : And this Assembly having duly examined said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-three Pounds Four Shillings the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Dennis Montaign* out of the General Treasury.

An ACT for Establishing and Regulating Fees.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Establishment of the Fees of the several Officers in this Colony, shall be as followeth, for the future.

Fees of the General Assembly.

	£. s. d.
F OR every Petition preferred to the General Assembly, to be divided between the two Houses; the upper House one Third, and the lower House two Thirds, over and above what is allow'd to the Secretary and Clerk of the lower House.	7 0 0

In the Superior Court.

Fees of the Justices.

F OR the Entry of every Action for Trial,	10 0 0
For taking every special Bail,	0 7 0
For allowing of a <i>Writ of Error</i> ,	0 10 0
For allowing a <i>Habeas Corpus</i> ,	0 7 0
For confessing Judgment,	0 7 0
For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record,	0 7 0
For all criminal Cases where a Fine is set,	1 0 0
For taxing every Bill of Cost,	0 7 0

Clerk's Fees.

F OR Entry of every Action,	0 8 0
For filing Reasons of Appeal, or Answer,	4 0
For all Copies not exceeding one Page,	0 8 0
If above one Page, for the first Page,	0 8 0
For every Page above one, Twenty-five Lines in a Page, and eight Words in a Line,	0 7 0
For every Action called,	0 4 0
For a <i>Scire Facias</i> and Seal,	0 8 0
For recording Judgment,	0 10 0
For swearing every Witness,	0 3 0
For a <i>Writ of Execution</i> ,	0 16 0
For writing Evidences, the same as copying.	
For acquittal of <i>Felony</i> , or <i>Suspicion</i> thereof,	0 7 0
For entering a Rule of Court,	0 7 0
For every Bond taken,	0 7 0
For entering <i>Traverse</i> upon Indictment,	0 5 0
For filing an Inventory of Goods taken by Execution,	0 4 0
For every Person summoned,	0 4 0
For filing every Return in Court,	0 3 0

For

	£.	s.	d.
For every Paper or Evidence in a Case,	0	2	0
For withdrawing an Action,	0	4	0
For the Discharge of every Person upon Bail to the Peace, and so forth,	0	6	0
For every Petition read in Court,	0	5	0
For Order thereon,	0	5	0
For examining every Bill of Cost,	0	3	0
For searching the Records,	0	4	0
If above one Hour, for every Hour above one,	0	3	0
For attending the Court by the Day,	1	10	0
For a Writ of Review,	0	12	0

Secretary's Fees.

FOR engrossing the Acts or Laws of the General Assembly, each, to be paid out of the General Treasury,	0	15	0
For every Commission for the <i>Justices</i> of each County, to be paid out of the General Treasury,	0	15	0
For every Commission for a <i>military Officer</i> , to be paid out of the General Treasury,	0	10	0
For a special Warrant or <i>Mittimus</i> by Order of the Governor and Council,	0	10	0
For every Commission under the Colony Seal for Places of Profit,	0	15	0
For every Bond,	0	10	0
For every Order of Council to the Benefit of particular Persons,	0	7	0
For every Petition to the Governor and Council, or General Assembly,	0	6	0
And where there is an Adverse Party.	0	10	0
For transcribing the Acts or Laws passed by the General Assembly into a Book, for every Page, twenty-five Lines in a Page, and eight Words in a Line,	0	8	0
For copying, the same as the Clerk of the Superior Court.			
For attending the General Assembly and General Council, by the Day,	3	6	8
For affixing the Colony's Seal to any Commission or other Writing,	0	15	0
For entering a <i>Protest</i> in Court,	0	7	0

In the Inferior Court.

Justices their Fees.

FOR entering every Action,	1	15	0
For taking <i>special Bail</i> ,	0	7	0
For			

	£.	s.	d.
For confessing Judgment,	0	6	0
For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record,	0	4	0
For taxing every Bill of Cost,	0	4	0

Clerk's Fees.

F OR every Writ and Seal,	0	8	0
For <i>entring</i> every Action,	0	6	0
For entering Judgment upon Record,	0	8	0
For all Copies, the same as the Clerk of the Superior Court.			
For every Action withdrawn or <i>non Suit</i> ,	0	4	0
For every Writ of <i>Execution</i> ,	0	12	0
For filing every Declaration, Reason of Appeal, and Answer or Plea,	0	4	0
For every Action called in Court,	0	3	0
For entering a <i>Nihil dicit</i> ,	0	3	6
For entering a Rule of Court to Referees or Auditors,	0	5	0
For Bond in the Clerk's Office,	0	7	0
And where the Attorney being a Freeholder, becomes obliged, the same Fee.			
For every Person summoned,	0	2	0
For every Paper or Evidence in a Case,	0	1	4
For searching the Records, not exceeding one Hour,	0	3	0
If above one Hour, for the first Hour,	0	3	0
And for every Hour after,	0	2	0
For every Return to Court,	0	2	0
For examining every Bill of Cost,	0	3	0
For swearing every Witness.	0	2	0
For writing Exidences, the same as copying.			
For entring Appearance,	0	1	6
For attending the Court, by the Day,	0	16	8

Clerk of the Sessions of the Peace, his Fees.

F OR entring Complaint upon Indictment,	0	6	8
For every <i>Recognizance</i> ,	0	6	8
For the Discharge of every <i>Recognizance</i> ,	0	4	0
For making forth a <i>Process</i> against Criminals,	0	5	0
For every Warrant for the Peace, or good Behaviour,	0	5	0
For Acquittal of Felony, or Suspicion thereof,	0	4	0
In all other Respects, the same as the Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.			

Justices and Wardens of the Peace, their Fees

F OR a Writ of Arrest,	0	7	0
For every Summons,	0	3	0
			For

For annexing an Account,	£.	s.	d.
For administering an Oath or Engagement,	0	3	6
For writing an Evidence, not exceeding one Page,	0	4	0
twenty-five Lines in a Page, and eight Words in a Line,	0	6	0
And in Proportion for all above a Page.			
For Judgment,	1	7	0
For the Recording thereof,	0	10	0
For a Bond to the Peace or good Behaviour,	0	10	0
For a Bond to Appeal,	0	7	0
For a Writ of Execution,	0	10	0
For every Recognizance,	0	7	0
For the Copy of a Case, the same as the Clerk of the Superior Court.			
For taking the Acknowledgment of any Writing,	0	7	0
<i>Sheriff's Fees.</i>			
FOR serving a Writ not above one Mile from Home,	0	7	0
If above one Mile, for every Mile's travel out			
One Shilling, and the same back.			
For attending a Prisoner before Commitment, by the Day,	0	16	0
For the Copy of a Writ,	0	5	0
For attending the Court by the Day,	1	16	0
For Attendance in every Action,	0	3	4
For discharge of every Person upon Bail to the Peace,	0	6	0
For every Paper or Evidence in a Case,	0	1	4
For a Bail Bond in civil Actions,	0	7	0
For a Bond to the Peace or good Behaviour,	0	12	0
For the serving an Execution not exceeding Ten Pounds, each Pound,	0	2	0
If above Ten Pounds, and not exceeding Fifty Pounds, each Pound,	0	1	4
If above Fifty Pounds, and not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, each Pound,	0	1	0
If above One Hundred Pounds, and not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds, each Pound,	0	0	6
All above Two Hundred Pounds, and not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds, each Pound,	0	0	4
For all Executions above Three Hundred Pounds, each Pound,	0	0	2
For all Executions served one Mile or upwards from the Court House, One Shilling for each Mile forward, and the same backward.			
For turning the Key on every Prisoner committed,	0	7	0
For Discharge of every Person upon Bail to the King,	0	16	0
For serving a Summons not exceeding a Mile from Home,	0	4	0
		For	

If above one Mile, the same travelling Fees as for
serving of Writs. £. s. d.

Attorney General's Fees.

FOR every Bill of Indictment or Presentment, drawn and found by the Grand Jury,	10 - -
For every <i>Disso</i> drawn and past to the Court, if not found by the Grand Jury,	1 6 -
For every Criminal executed to Death,	7 - -
For Discharge of every Person upon Bond to the Peace,	1 10 -
For every Days Attendance in the Courts,	- 14 -
For appearing and pleading for the King on an Appeal,	3 - -

Other Fees allowed in Court.

FOR Attorney's and Council's Fees,	2 10 -
For drawing a Bill of Cost,	0 4 -
Every Person discharged from Bail to the King, shall pay the Sergeant.	- 4 -
For every Witness summoned, and attending the Court, by the Day,	- 16 -
And for Travel, Eighteen Pence for a Mile out, and the same Home.	
For every Action called, to the Sergeant,	- 3 -
For the Jury, to be paid down by the Plaintiff or Ap- pellant,	5 - -
For the Attendance of the Party recovering Judgment, by the Day,	- 12 -
For a Power of Attorney, and Probate of the same,	- 14 -
For the Travel of every Plaintiff and Defendant, re- covering Cost, Twelve Pence for each Mile to the Court, and the same back.	
For annexing an Account to the Declaration or Answer,	- 2 -
In all Actions for the Colony's Tenth and Interest Bonds, half so much as in other Cases, excepting to the Sheriff for serving Writs and travelling Fees, the same as in other Actions.	

For Probate of Wills, &c.

FOR the Probate of a Will, where the Inventory exceeds not One Hundred Pounds,	- 16 8
For every Hundred Pounds above One Hundred Pounds, to the Town Council,	- 5 -
For Probate of the Inventory, where no Will appears, and where the Inventory exceeds not One Hundred Pounds, to the Town Council,	- 16 8
If above, for every Hundred Pounds <i>more</i> ,	- 5 -

Town

£. s. d.

Town Clerk, and Clerk of the Council, their Fees.

FOR entering a <i>Caveat</i> against the Probate of a Will, or granting Letters of Administration,	- 4 -
For taking Bond, and granting Letters of Administration under the Seal of the Town Council,	- 14 -
For Registering and Copying, if not exceeding one Page,	- 6 -
If above one Page, for every Page, twenty-five Lines in a Page, and eight Words in a Line,	- 5 -
For every Citation and Summons,	- 4 -
For a Bond, and granting Licence under the Town Council Seal,	- 16 -
For the Bond of every Person that comes to dwell in the Town,	- 8 -
To the Town Sergeant or Constable for serving every Summons or Citation, if not above one Mile from Home,	- 4 -
If above one Mile from Home, for every Mile's tra- vel out, One Shilling, and Home One Shilling.	
For Recording every Marriage,	- 3 -
For Recording every Birth,	- 3 -

Fees in the Court of Vice-Admiralty.

	Judge's Fees.	Advocate's Fees.	Register's Fees.	Marshall's Fees.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
For drawing a Libel,		2 10 0		
For filing and allowing the same,	2 10 0			
For a Citation for Appearance, Seal, and Service,	1 0 0		1 0 0	1 0 0
For a Summons for Witnesses and Seal,	0 16 0		0 16 0	
For filing Papers & taxing Cost,	0 14 0		0 14 0	
For an Interlocutory Decree, Recording, and so forth,	3 6 8		1 13 00	17 0
For an Enactment,			0 10 0	
For a Decree Definitive and Recording,	6 13 4		2 10 00	17 0
For every Witness summoned within a Mile of the Court,				0 7 0
And for every Mile above one,				0 3 0
For a Bail Bond,				0 16 8
For levying Execution for the first Twenty Pounds or under, each Pound,				0 3 0
If above Twenty Pounds and not exceeding Forty, each Pound,				0 2 0

If

	Judge's Fees.	Advocate's Fees.	Register's Fees.	Marshal's Fees.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
If above Forty Pounds, and not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, each Pound,				0 1 4
If above One Hundred Pounds, and not exceeding Two Hun- dred, each Pound,				0 1 0
All above Two Hundred Pounds, each Pound,				0 0 4
For executing a Warrant against Debtors, Deserters, and to forth, on Board a Ship or Vessel, if at a Wharff,				1 6 0
If in the Road on <i>Newport</i> Side, or within <i>Goat-Island</i> ,				2 10 0
If without or beyond <i>Goat-Island</i> ,				3 6 8
For taking a Vessel into Cu- stody on an Arrest for Wages,				2 10 0
For taking every Evidence in Court,	0 7 0		0 7 0	0 4 0
Advocate's Fee,		3 6 8		
To the Advocate General for drawing an Information on <i>Penal Statutes</i> ,		6 13 4		
For pleading thereto till Decree be obtained,		6 13 4		
For a Copy of a Libel,			0 16 8	
For a Copy of an Information,			0 16 8	
For a Copy of a Decree,			1 13 4	
For a <i>Retraxit</i> ,	1 13 4		0 16 8	0 13 4
For a Warrant of Survey or Ap- pointment, or against Deb- tors or Deserters,	1 6 0		2 10 0	
For every Condemnation of a Ship, Vessel, or Goods, except Prizes or Prize Goods taken in War, <i>Two and an Half per Cent</i> , to wit, two Thirds to the Judge, two Thirds of the other Third to the Register, and the Remainder to the Marshal,				
For all Money paid into Court on Condemnation, <i>One per Cent, Poundage</i> , to wit, One Third to the Judge, and Two Thirds to the Register,				

For

	Judge's Fees.	Advocate's Fees.	Register's Fees.	Marshal's Fees.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
For entering every Motion for an Appeal,			0 16 8	
For allowing or disallowing thereof,	2 10 0		1 0 0	
For the Copy of every Case, Six- teen Shillings for the first Sheet, and Eight Shillings and Four Pence for every Sheet after to the Register, each of the Sheets containing Four Hundred Words,				
For every Adjournment,	3 6 8		1 0 0	1 0 0
For every Bond for Prosecution of an Appeal,			1 6 0	
For summoning of Appraisers each,				0 14 0

Notary Publick's Fees.

	£. s. d.
FOR drawing a Protest,	0 16 8
For swearing the Witnesses to it,	0 10 0
For affixing the Seal,	0 15 0
For Registering the Protest.	0 16 8
For a Copy thereof,	0 16 8

Coroner's Fees.

FOR taking every <i>Inquisition</i> ,	3 6 8
Besides the above Fee, £. 1 13 4 by the Day for his Travel and Expences, for every Inquisition by him taken.	
Each Juror by the Day,	0 16 8
The above Fees to be paid out of the Estate of the Deceased, if any to be found ; but if there shall be none, then the same is to be paid out of the Trea- sury of the Town in which the dead Body is found.	

Town Sergeants and Constables, their Fees.

FOR serving of every Warrant, if not above one Mile from Home,	0 7 0
If above one Mile from Home, for every Mile for- ward One Shilling, and every Mile back, the same.	
For the Copy of a Warrant,	0 5 0
For a Bail Bond in Civil Actions,	0 7 0
For serving a Summons, the same as the Sheriff.	
For attending on a Court of Justices by the Day,	0 16 8

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That his Honor the Governor, and his Honor the Deputy Governor be, and each of them is hereby authorized and fully impowered, upon Information of an Enemy's being upon the Coast, and distressing our Trade, to take up, fit out, and man a suitable Vessel, and send her out at the Colony's Charge, in order to protect and save the Navigation.

Whereas *Rufus Greene, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, for a Window-Frame, Lime, Nails, Plank, and Boards, by him furnished for the Use of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Kent*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Seventeen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Three Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Rufus Greene out of the General Treasury.*

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the Sheriff of the County of Providence be, and he hereby is ordered and fully impowered to make a public Sale of the Farm, and all other the Estate of Richard Smith of Gloucester, which was forfeited to the Colony: That one Half of the purchase Money be paid down, upon his the said Sheriff's executing the Deed or Deeds thereof: That the other Half be secured to the Colony by good Bonds, payable in three Months; and that both Money and Bonds be lodged in the General Treasury.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session holden in *Providence* on Tuesday the first of *February* last, made and passed an Act, appointing and impowering the Deputies of each respective Town in this Colony, to enquire into the Conduct of several of the Soldiers that went in the late Expeditions against *Crown-Point*, with Regard to *this*, that some had sold, and others retained the Colony's Arms: And whereas no Report hath been made concerning that Affair, *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Deputies make a Return unto the Committee of War as soon as possible, of all their Doings in the Matter aforesaid: And the Committee of War is hereby authorized and fully impowered to hear and determin all and every Affair relating the same.*

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session holden in *Providence* on the third Monday of *November* last, chose and appointed Mr. *Robert Haszard* of *South-Kingstown*, and Capt. *John Reynolds* of *Exeter*, a Committee to run the dividing Line between the said Towns, and to erect proper Monuments therein, &c. but Nothing having yet been done in that Affair, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Robert Haszard and John Reynolds be, and they are hereby continued a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid, and to make Report unto the General Assembly at their next Session.*

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War be, and they hereby are continued unto the next Session of Assembly, with the same Power and Authority that they have hitherto had : That they be allowed *One and an Half per Cent.* for the Business they have done since the last Session of Assembly, and shall have for the future, such an Allowance as the General Assembly may think proper.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor permit a Vessel to sail from *Providence* to *Boston* with a Load of Lime, for His Majesty's Use, conformable to the Request of Messrs. *Apthorp* and Son, expressed in their Letter to *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; and that no more Men go in said Vessel, than shall be sufficient to navigate her.

Whereas this Assembly stated the Wages of the Chief Officer of the Four Hundred and Fifty Men now raising in this Colony for the ensuing Campaign against His Majesty's Enemies in *North-America*, at Two Hundred and Ten Pounds Old-Tenor *per Month* ; which Sum is conceived to be Insufficient : *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted,* That the Wages of the said Chief Officer be, and they hereby are augmented to Eighteen Pounds Lawful Money of this Colony *per Month* ; and that when *Samuel Angel*, Esq; who sustains the said Office, returns from the Campaign, he is to render the General Assembly an Account of his Table-Expences, and they are to allow him what they may think proper.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* be, and he hereby is directed to discharge the Sloop and Cargo he took into Custody at *Warren*, whereof *Daniel Beere* was late Master.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session : That the Secretary publish in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within thirty, send Copies of the same, according to Law, unto every Town in the Colony : And that this Assembly be adjourned unto the first Monday of *May* next, if called at that Time by either of their Honors the Governor or Deputy Governor ; but if not called before, nor at said Day, then this Assembly shall be dissolved.

G O D Save the KING.

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T H O. W A R D, Secr'y.

A true Copy, duly examined,

WITNESS

Thos Ward Secry



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun and holden at *Newport*, in said Colony, the Day before the General Election, being *Tuesday* the third of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of G O D, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JOH N GARDNER, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	} <i>Assist.</i>	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;	} <i>Assist.</i>
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		JOHN CONGDON, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	
OBADIAH BROWN, Esq;		THE SECRETARY.	

D E U T I E S of the several T O W N S.

NEWPORT ;
 Lieut. Col. *Benj. Wickham*,
Simon Pease, Esq;
 Mr. *Gideon Wanton*, jun.
 Capt. *Joseph Wanton*, jun.
 Capt. *Daniel Ayrault*, jun.
 Mr. *William Read*.

}	Providence ;
	Mr. <i>William Smith</i> ,
	Col. <i>Christopher Harris</i> ,
}	<i>Daniel Jenckes</i> , Esq;
	Mr. <i>James Olney</i> .
	Portsmouth ;
}	Mr. <i>Francis Brayton</i> ,

<i>Isaac Barker</i> , Esq;		West-Greenwich ;
<i>Mr. Giles Slocum</i> ,		<i>Preserved Hall</i> , Esq;
<i>Mr. John Shearman</i> , jun.		<i>Mr. Benjamin Gardner</i> .
Warwick ;		Coventry ;
<i>Mr. Joseph Lippist</i> ,		<i>Capt. Abel Potter</i> ,
<i>Capt. Randal Rice</i> ,		<i>Mr. Isaac Greene</i> .
<i>Othniel Gorton</i> , Esq;		Exeter ;
<i>Capt. James Arnold</i> , jun.		<i>Capt. John Reynolds</i> ,
Westerly ;		<i>Benoni Hall</i> , Esq;
<i>Mr. Samuel Ward</i> ,		Middletown ;
<i>Capt. Joseph Stanton</i> .		<i>Mr. William Baley</i> ,
Newthoreham ;		<i>Joshua Coggeshall</i> , jun. Esq;
None.		Bristol ;
North-Kingstown ;		<i>Capt. Simeon Potter</i> ,
None.		<i>Mr. William Pearce</i> .
South-Kingstown ;		Tiverton ;
<i>Jeremiah Niles</i> , Esq;		None.
<i>Latham Clarke</i> , Esq;		Little-Compton ;
East-Greenwich ;		<i>Mr. Thomas Church</i> ,
<i>Joseph Nichols</i> , Esq;		<i>Mr. William Wilbore</i> .
<i>Mr. Thomas Casey</i> .		Warren ;
Jamestown ;		None.
<i>Capt. William Haszard</i> ,		Cumberland ;
<i>Mr. Edward Carr</i> .		<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq;
Smithfield ;		<i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq;
None.		Richmond ;
Scituate ;		<i>Samuel Test</i> , Esq;
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;		<i>Capt. Peleg Thomas</i> .
<i>Mr. Jeremiah Angel</i> .		Cranston ;
Glocester ;		<i>Jonathan Randal</i> , Esq;
None.		<i>Matthew Manchester</i> , Esq;
Charlestown ;		Hopkinton ;
<i>Col. Christopher Champlin</i> ,		None.
<i>Gideon Hoxie</i> , Esq;		

Lieut. Col. *Benjamin Wickham* was chosen Speaker ; and

Yossias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

W H E R E A S all and every of the Persons whose Names hereafter follow, have taken the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the Colony-Law against Bribery and Corruption, in the Election of Officers within this Government, as appears by proper Returns from the respective Town Clerks. *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That they, and each of them be, and hereby are made Free of the Colony, and may therefore lawfully give their Votes to choose Officers, not only for their respective Towns, but also in the Choice of General Officers.

N E W P O R T :

Robert Elliot, John But, Jeremiah Cranston, Charles Anthony Wigneron,

Wigner, Jeremiah Heffernan, Peleg Easton, Joseph Cowley, Caleb Gardner, jun. Oliver Warner, Josias Rogers, Henry Knowles, Samuel Mumford, Jeremiah Brown, Edward Cole, William Rogers, Richard Beale, Samuel Cranston, Benjamin Brown, George Hunt, James Cahoon, Jeremiah Fish, John Heath, Isaac Ingraham, George Gibbs, Robert Taylor (Son of Peter) John Wanton (Son of Gideon), Robert Wheatley, Edward Chapman, and Shearman Clarke.

PROVIDENCE:

William Wheaton, John Knox, Joseph Whipple, William Douglass, Joseph Kinnicutt, John M'Creary, Bernard Eddy, Amos Atwell, Benjamin Cushing, jun. John Smith, William Tyler, William Proud, Comfort Wheaton, Phineas Potter, Ezra Whipple, Job Sweeting, John Brown, Darius Sessions, Eliezer Whipple, Samuel Aborn, Nathan Comstock, James Comstock, Nathan Brown, Hazariah Mitchell, Richard Thornton, jun. Henry Stephens, Jesse Smith, Simeon Stephens, James Edmonds, Aaron Dorr, James Olney, jun. Josiah Seamans, Peleg Seamans, John Nash, Seth Luther, Joseph Thuiber, and David Thayer.

PORTSMOUTH:

Job Durfee, James Kerby, David Fish, jun. Edward Barker, Arnold Thomas, Thomas Shearman, jun. Allen Fish, Parker Shearman, Borden Chace, Charles Bowler, Josias Lawton, John Ward, Samuel Fettiplace, Jonathan Fettiplace, and Edward Perry, jun.

WARWICK:

Thomas Warner, John Budong, jun. Morgan Kewine, Job Briggs, Joseph Straight, Toleration Harris, William Greene (*Son of William Greene the Second*) Thomas Sweet, Benjamin Gorton, Benjamin Gorton, jun. Thomas Stafford, Pardon Pearce, Benjamin Greene (*Son of Nathaniel*) and William Wood, jun.

WESTERLY:

Ichabod Babcock, jun. James Bliven, Joseph Gavit, David Maxson, Stephen Wilcox, jun. Isaac Ross, Elisha Saunders, Nathan Bliven, Gideon Saunders, Sanford Noyes, and William Crandal.

NEW-SHOREHAM:

Oliver Ring Rose, William Willis, and Walter Rathbun.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Gardner, William Slocum, George Fowler, jun. Jonathan Wilbor, Richard Phillips, Bartholemew Hunt, Jabez Reynolds, Christopher Ayllsworth, Thomas Phillips, jun. and Joseph Clarke.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Benjamin Greenman, Jonathan Babcock, Sylvester Robinson, Stephen Champlin, jun. Jonathan Holloway, Josiah Tanner, Robert Crandal, Benjamin Holloway, Joseph Terry, Carder Hazzard, Coon Williams, John Franklin, Samuel Rose, Jeremiah Albro,

Albro, Thomas Champlin, Nathaniel Gardner, jun. Benedict Oatly, and John Lillibridge.

EAST-GREENWICH;

Caleb Spencer, Jonathan Tarbox, Josiah Matteson, Henry Tibbits, jun. Jonathan Card, Robert Vaughan, jun. Jonathan Lee, Christopher Vaughan, jun. Samuel Fry, Jonathan Andrew, Edmund Andrew, George Peirce, William Peirce, Clement Weaver (*Son of John*) Joseph Spencer, John Briggs, and Caleb Briggs.

JAMESTOWN;

Benjamin Weeden, Benjamin Underwood, John Cranston, Joseph Greene, John Carr, and Nicholas Carr.

SMITHFIELD;

Joseph Chellson, Jeremiah Walling, Job Aldrich, Abraham Aldrich, Robert Latham, jun. Hawson Read, Isaac Ballard, Elisha Smith, Adam Harkenels, Thomas Shippe, Nathan Shippe, Amos Keech, Elisha Mowry, jun. Silas Tucker, Samuel Cook, Jeremiah Olney, Samuel Smith, and Gideon Sayles.

SCITUATE;

John Phillips, John Round, Ezra Stone, Francis Fuller, jun. Nathan Millard, Isaac Medbury, Robert Davis, Benjamin Whiteman, Joseph Smith, and Ezra Potter.

GLOCESTER;

Edward Davis, Joseph Phillips, Charles Pollock, Jonathan Phetteplace, Joram Kynion, John Walling, Stephen Baker, Abraham Innian, David Blackman, Ebenezer Aldrich, Daniel Owen, Abraham Waterman, Jonathan Smith, Cornelius Havens, Obadiah Brown, Benjamin Barrel, Daniel Wheelock, Daniel Howard, Uaiah Herenden, John Page, John Bulhee, Nehemiah Lewis, Richard Tucker, Preserved Herenden, Stephen Grover, Andrew Phillips, Enoch Smith, David Phillips, and Oziel Inman.

CHARLESTOWN;

Daniel Edwards, and David Deway.

WEST-GREENWICH;

Jonathan Matteson, jun. Nathan Matteson, Eleazer Greene, Nathan Greene, Ephraim Ayllsworth, Benjamin Tanner, jun. Sylvester Gardner, Peter Crandal, Thomas Reynolds, John Jollin, William Wait, Joseph Cass, and Zerobabel Mattheson.

COVENTRY;

Stephen Dwinels, Jonathan Matteson (*Son of Thomas*) Benjamin Weaver, Daniel Weaver, Joshua Bates, John Rue, Ebenezer Rue, Abel Gibbs, John Nichols, jun. and Stephen Colvin.

EXETER;

Job Tripp, jun. Simeon Babcock, James Babcock, Joseph Holloway, Sylvester Eldred, John Congdon, Benjamin Rathbun, jun.

jun. Perry Mumford, James Allen, Joseph Phillips, Bartholomew Phillips, Oliver Rathbun, William Tanner, jun. George Willcox, Ebenezer Moon, jun. John Lewis, Benjamin Reynolds, Caleb Robens, William Hill, George Weight, and James Lewis.

MIDDLETOWN;

Isaac Peckham, Gideon Coggeshall, John Bailey, Samuel Bailey, jun. Joseph Peabody, James Weaver, Matthew Coggeshall, and William Weaver.

BRISTOL:

Henry Bosworth, Samuel Pearce, Billings Throop, and Stephen Wardwell

TIVERTON:

John Negus, Peleg Barker. Robert Barker, William Durfee (*Son of Samuel*), William Woodel, jun. Thomas Hickes, Abraham Brown, and John Davenport.

LITTLE-COMPTON:

John Brownell, Daniel Ormsby, George Simmans, James Pearce, Samuel Pearce, John Peckham, Adam Simmans, George Pearce, Joshua Brownell, Aaron Davis, Peter Simmans, Peleg Wood, Christopher White, Benjamin Brownell, and John Briggs.

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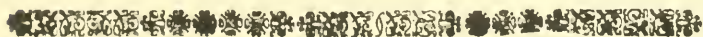
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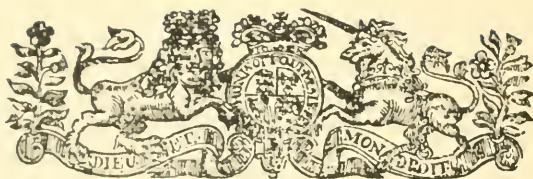
RICHMOND:

Harper Rogers, Robert Stanton, Jonathan Potter, Joshua Clarke, Joseph Petty, and William Clarke (*Son of Thomas*).

CRANSTON:

John Randal, jun. Jeremiah King, Thomas Potter (*Son of John Potter, Esq;*) William Stone, jun. John Congdon, and James Waterman.





At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA* ; begun and holden at *Newport*, in said Colony, on the first *Wednesday of May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. JOHN GARDNER, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	} Affs.	JOSEPH BROWNE, jun. Esq;	} Affs.
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;		JOHN CONDON, Esq;	
OPADIAH BROWN, Esq;		THOMAS HASZARD, Esq;	
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		The SECRETARY.	

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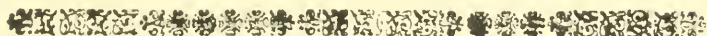
NEWPORT;	} {	Portsmouth ;
Licut. Col. Benj. Wickham,		Mr. Francis Brayton,
Simon Pease, Esq;		Isaac Barker, Esq;
Mr. Gideon Wanton, jun.		Mr. Giles Slocum,
Capt. Joseph Wanton, jun.		Mr. John Shearman, jun.
Capt. Daniel Arault, jun.	} {	Warwick ;
Mr. William Read.		Mr. Joseph Lippitt,
Providence ;		Capt. Randal Rice,
Mr. William Smith,		Othniel Gorton, Esq;
Col. Christopher Harris,		Capt. James Arnold, jun.
Daniel Fenckes, Esq;	} {	Westerly ;
Mr. James Olney.		Mr. Samuel Ward,

Capt.

Capt. <i>Joseph Stanton</i> , Newshoreham ;	Mr. <i>Isaac Greene</i> , Exeter ;
Capt. <i>Edward Sands</i> , <i>John Littlefield</i> , Esq; North-Kingstown ;	Capt. <i>John Reynolds</i> , <i>Benoni Hall</i> , Esq; Middletown ;
<i>Immanuel Northup</i> , Esq; <i>Samuel Albro</i> , Esq; South-Kingstown ;	Mr. <i>William Baley</i> , <i>Joshua Coggeshall</i> , jun. Esq; Bristol ;
<i>Jeremiah Niles</i> , Esq; <i>Latham Clarke</i> , Esq; East-Greenwich ;	Capt. <i>Simeon Potter</i> , Mr. <i>William Pearce</i> , Tiverton ;
<i>Joseph Nichols</i> , Esq; Mr. <i>Thomas Casey</i> , Jamestown ;	<i>Samuel Darfee</i> , Esq; Mr. <i>John Bowen</i> , Little-Compton ;
Capt. <i>William Hazzard</i> , Mr. <i>Edward Carr</i> , Smithfield ;	Mr. <i>Thomas Church</i> , Mr. <i>William Wilbore</i> , Warren ;
<i>Thomas Arnold</i> , Esq; Mr. <i>Jeremiah Mowrey</i> , Scituate ;	Mr. <i>Thomas Cole</i> , Mr. <i>Peter Bicknal</i> , Cumberland ;
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq; Mr. <i>Jeremiah Angel</i> , Glocester ;	<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq; <i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq; Richmond ;
Capt. <i>John Smith</i> , <i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq; Charlestown ;	<i>Samuel Test</i> , Esq; Capt. <i>Peleg Thomas</i> , Cranston ;
Col. <i>Christopher Champlin</i> , <i>Gideon Hoxsie</i> , Esq; West-Greenwich ;	<i>Jonatban Randal</i> , Esq; <i>Matthew Manchester</i> , Esq; Hopkinton ;
<i>Preserved Hall</i> , Esq; Mr. <i>Benjamin Gardner</i> , Coventry ;	Maj. <i>Joshua Clarke</i> , Mr. <i>Hezekiah Collins</i> .
Capt. <i>Abel Potter</i> ,	

Lieut. Col. *Benjamin Wickham* was chosen Speaker ; and

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.



HIS being the ANNIVERSARY ELECTION of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the following List, were chosen to serve the Government in the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively.

The Hon. *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Gov. *Engag'd*.

The Hon. *JOHN GARDNER*, Esq; Dep. Gov. *Engag'd*.

James Hoxyma, Esq; first Assistant ; *Engag'd*.

Nicholas Easton, Esq, second Assistant ; *Engag'd*.

Henry Harris, Esq; third Assistant ; *Engag'd*.

Jabez Bowen, Esq; fourth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Robert Lawton, Esq; fifth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
David Anthony, Esq; sixth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Jeremiah Lippitt, Esq; seventh Assistant ; who refusing, *Joseph*
Edmunds, Esq; was chosen in his Room, and *Engag'd.*
Nathaniel Searle, Esq; eighth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Thomas Hazard, Esq; ninth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Daniel Coggeshall, Esq; tenth Assistant ; *Engag'd.*
Thomas Ward, Esq; Secretary ; *Engag'd.*
Daniel Updike, Esq; Attorney General.
Thomas Richardson, Esq; General Treasurer ; *Engag'd.*
 The Hon. *John Gardner*, Esq; Chief Justice of the Superior Court
Jonathan Randall, Esq; second } of Judicature, Court of
William Richmond, Esq; third } Assize, and General Gaol
Joseph Russell, Esq; fourth } Delivery, in and throughout
Joseph Clarke, Esq; fifth } the Colony.
Godfrey Malbone, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in
 the County of *Newport*.
John Andrews, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the
 County of *Providence*.
William Pendleton, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in
 the County of *Kings County*.
Stephen Low, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the
 County of *Kent*.
Josias Lyndon, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of
 Militia in the County of *Newport*.
Barzillai Richmond, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment
 of Militia in the County of *Providence*.
Silas Niles, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia
 in the County of *Kings County*.
Henry Rice, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Mi-
 litia in the County of *Kent*.
Godfrey Malbone, jun. Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia
 in the County of *Newport*.
John Angel (of *Smithfield*) Esq; Major of the Regiment of Mi-
 litia in the County of *Providence*.
John Weight, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the
 County of *Kings County*.
John Spencer (Son of *William*) Esq; Major of the Regiment of
 Militia in the County of *Kent*.
 The Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; first }
 The Hon. *John Gardner*, Esq; second }
Daniel Janckes, Esq; third } Member of the Com-
Thomas Cranston, Esq; fourth } mittee of War.
Peter Bours, Esq; fifth }
Robert Potter (of *Charlestown*) Esq; sixth }
Edward Scott, *Peter Bours*, *William Anthony*, jun. *Jonathan Free-*
born, and *Thomas Gould*, Esqs. Justices of the Inferior Court of
 Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for
 the County of *Newport*.

Daniel Jenckes, Job Randal, Thomas Lapham, Richard Steere, and Thomas Arnold, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Providence.

Stephen Hazzard, Immanuel Northup, Christopher Champlin, Thomas Brown, and Benoni Hall, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Kings County.

Matthew Allen, Thomas Greene, James Smith, Nathaniel Munro, and Nathaniel Fales, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Bristol.

Joseph Nichols, Rufus Greene, William Spencer, John Holdon, and Daniel Howland, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Kent.

C L E R K S of the Superior Courts of Judicature, Courts of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the Counties ascribed unto their respective Names.

John Grelea, jun. Esq; Newport.

John Foster, jun. Esq; Providence.

Latham Clarke, Esq; Kings County.

John Usher, jun. Esq; Bristol.

Thomas Aldrich, Esq; Kent.

C L E R K S of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the Counties ascribed unto their respective Names.

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Newport.

Mr. Nicholas Brown, Providence.

M. Benjamin Peckham, jun. Kings County.

Mr. Thomas Throop, Bristol.

Mr. John Walton, jun. Kent.

S H E R I F F S of the several Counties.

George Gardner, Esq; Newport.

Allen Brown, Esq; Providence.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Kings County.

Nathaniel Bosworth, Esq; Bristol.

Benjamin Arnold, Esq; Kent.

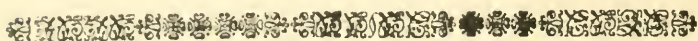
The Hon. Gideon Wanton, Esq; Benjamin Nichols, James Sheffield, Obadiah Brown, Samuel Chace, James Arnold, George Brown, and Nicholas Easton, Esqrs. the Grand Committee, or Trustees of the Colony, for signing Bills of Public Credit.

And the aforesaid Benjamin Nichols, Esq; is chosen and especially appointed to have and take the Care and Charge of the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds for Tenths, and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon, and also to make and give proper Acquittances

rances and Discharges upon the Mortgages ; or otherwise, when he receives any of the Colony's Money ; and in Case of *Non-Payment* ; to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all those that refuse or neglect to make due Payment.

Mr. Edward Thurston, General Sealer of Weights and Measures throughout the Government.

George Taylor, Esq; Public Notary for *Providence*.



J U S T I C E S of the Peace for the several T O W N S.

N E W P O R T :

Martin Howard, Samuel Collins, Charles Bardin, Thomas Ward, Peter Easton, Joseph Sylvester, Barnabas Hargil, Daniel Goddard, John Grelea, jun. and John Davis, jun. Esqrs.

P R O V I D E N C E :

George Taylor, Joseph Snow, Ebenezer Jenckes, James Angel, Samuel Nightingale, Samuel Chace, Nathan Pierce, Stephen Jackson, and John Waterman, Esqrs.

P O R T S M O U T H :

William Earle, Robert Dennis, Isaac Barker, John Almy, and Charles Bowler, Esqrs.

W A R W I C K :

John Warner, jun. Barlo Greene, Othniel Gorton, Ebenezer Slocum, James Rhodes, and Richard Estes, Esqrs.

W E S T E R L Y :

William Herne, Silas Greenman, Benoni Smith, Joseph Crandal, and Stephen Saunders, Esqrs.

N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N :

David Sprague, Samuel Albro, Nicholas Northup, jun. Stephen Card, William Hall (*Son of Robert*), James Fones, John Spink, and Christopher Spencer, Esqrs.

S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N :

Samuel Test, John Case, Benedict Helme, William Hull, Jeremiah Crandal, John Sheldon (*Son of Isaac*) and John Brown, Esqrs.

E A S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

Giles Pierce, Samuel Soule, Thomas Aldrich, George Vaughan, Francis Barker, and Thomas Shippey, Esqrs.

S M I T H F I E L D ;

William Arnold, Thomas Steere, John Aldrich, Daniel Mowrey, jun. Benjamin Arnold, Stephen Sly, and Samuel Windfor, Esqrs.

S C I T U A T E ;

Gideon Harris, Charles Harris, John Fisk, Samuel Dorrance, and Jeremiah Angel, Esqrs.

G L O C E S T E R ;

Andrew Brown, Timothy Wilmarth, Joseph Winsor, Benjamin Smith, Abraham Tourtelott, Isaac Arnold, and Silas Williams, Esqrs.

C H A R L E S T O W N ;

Benjamin Hoxsie, Peleg Crofs, and Joseph Hoxsie, Esqrs.

W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ,

Jeremiah Ellis, Samuel Hopkins, Philip Greene, Preserved Hall, Pardon Tillinghaft, and Clarke Rogers, Esqrs.

C O V E N T R Y :

Caleb Greene, George Hall, Stephen Potter, Randal Rice, Thomas Matteson, and Richard Tree, Esqrs.

E X E T E R ;

Job Tripp, Newman Perkins, Daniel Barber, and Benjamin Lawton, Esqrs.

M I D D L E T O W N ;

John Taylor, John Barker, and Joshua Coggeshall, jun. Esqrs.

B R I S T O L :

Shearjashub Bourn, Leveret Hubbard, John Usher, jun. Royal Paine, and Thomas Greene, jun. Esqrs.

T I V E R T O N :

Samuel Hickes, Philip Tabor, Restcome Sandford, and Thomas Anthony (*Son of Joseph*) Esqrs.

L I T T L E - C O M P T O N :

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C R A N S T O N :

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H O P K I N T O N :

Benjamin Randal, Daniel M'Coon, Simeon Perry, and Joshua Clarke, Esqrs.

Capt.

Capt. *William Mumford* Commander, and Mr. *Caleb Carr* Lieutenant of Fort *George*.

Mr. *Caleb Hacker* Adjutant of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

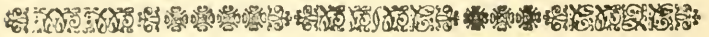
N E W P O R T T R O O P S of H O R S E.

I. *Benjamin Sherrburn*, Captain ; *Henry Sowle*, Lieutenant ; *Robert Barker*, Cornet ; and *Peter Mumford* Quarter-Master.

II. *Thomas Church*, Captain ; *William Woodman*, Lieutenant ; *John Bailey*, jun. Cornet, and *Thomas Bailey*, Quarter-Master.

P R O V I D E N C E T R O O P of H o r s e.

Daniel Tillinghast, Captain ; *Benjamin Bowen*, first Lieutenant ; *John Fenner*, second Lieutenant ; and *James Hoyle*, Cornet.



OFFICERS to command the several Companies of Militia or Trained Bands of each Town in the Colony.

N E W P O R T :

I. *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Captain , *Jonathan Otis*, Lieutenant ; and *Caleb Gardner*, jun. Ensign.

II. *Job Bennet*, jun. Captain ; *Joseph Belcher*, Lieutenant ; and *Thomas Richardson*, jun. Ensign.

III. *William Rogers*, Captain ; *James Rogers*, Lieutenant ; and *Timothy Balch*, Ensign.

IV. *Isaac Stelle*, Captain ; *Jonathan Thurston*, Lieutenant ; and *Nathaniel Coggeshall*, jun. Ensign.

P R O V I D E N C E :

I. *John Field*, jun. Captain ; *Stephen Rawson*, Lieutenant ; and *Knight Dexter*, Ensign.

II. *Josiah Thornton*, Captain ; *John Waterman* (Son of *Joseph*) Lieutenant ; and *Arthur Fenner*, jun. Ensign.

III. *Thomas Olney* (Son of *Thomas*) Captain ; *Thomas Whipple*, jun. Lieutenant ; and *Benjamin Whipple*, jun. Ensign.

IV. *Joseph Whipple*, Captain ; *Samuel Thurber*, Lieutenant ; and *Stephen Jenckes*, Ensign.

P O R T S M O U T H :

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II. *Silas Gardner*, Captain ; *Stephen Arnold*, Lieutenant ; and *William Greene*, jun. Ensign.

III. *William Potter*, Captain ; *Thomas Greene*. Lieutenant ; and *Stukely Stafford*, Ensign.

W E S T.

WESTERLY:

I. Joshua Thompson, *Captain*; Joseph Clarke, *Lieutenant*; and Eber Crandal, *Ensign*.

II. John Crandal (*Son of Peter*) *Captain*; Edward Saunders, *Lieutenant*; and James Bliven, *Ensign*.

NEW-SHOREHAM:

Edward Sands, *Captain*; Caleb Littlefield, jun. *Lieutenant*; and John Pain, *Ensign*.

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I. George Whitman, jun. *Captain*; Jeremiah Fones, *Lieutenant*; and John Greene, *Ensign*.

II. Thomas Douglas, *Captain*; Jeremiah Northup, *Lieutenant*; and William Eldred, *Ensign*.

III. Christopher Phillips, *Captain*; Seth Eldred, *Lieutenant*; and Joseph Congdon, jun. *Ensign*.

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I. John Willson, *Captain*; Adam Gould, *Lieutenant*; and Nathaniel Mumford, *Ensign*.

II. Nathaniel Helme, *Captain*; Samuel Hopkins, *Lieutenant*; and James Rhodes, *Ensign*.

EAST-GREENWICH;

I. Preserved Pearce, *Captain*; Benjamin Spencer (*Son of John*) *Lieutenant*; and Benjamin Spencer (*Son of Walter*) *Ensign*.

II. Sylvester Sweet, *Captain*; Thomas Briggs (*Son of Benjamin*) *Lieutenant*; and Robert Bailey, *Ensign*.

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Samuel Slocum, *Captain*; George Franklin, *Lieutenant*; and Thomas Bently, *Ensign*.

SMITHFIELD;

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II. Stephen Arnold, *Captain*; Oliver Man, *Lieutenant*; and Arnold Paine, *Ensign*.

III. Abraham Windsor, *Captain*; Elisha Sayles, *Lieutenant*; and Joseph Smith, jun. *Ensign*.

SCITUATE;

I. Christopher Relph, *Captain*; Nicholas Edwards, *Lieutenant*; and Ezekiel Philips, *Ensign*.

II. George Dorrance, *Captain*; John Herrenden, *Lieutenant*; and Thomas Bennet, *Ensign*.

III. Benoni Williams, *Captain*; Nicholas Hopkins, *Lieutenant*; and Bernard Hale, *Ensign*.

IV. Timothy Hopkins, *Captain*; Hezekiah Walker, *Lieutenant*; and Joseph Weatherhead, *Ensign*.

G L O C E S T E R ;

I. Jonah Steere, *Captain* ; Chad Brown, *Lieutenant* ; and Jeremiah Steere, *Ensign*.

II. John Smith, jun. *Captain* ; Jonathan Harris, *Lieutenant* ; and Noah Arnold, *Ensign*.

III. Thomas Barns, *Captain* ; Abraham Waterman, *Lieutenant* ; and Eliakim Richmond, *Ensign*.

C H A R L E S T O W N ;

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W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

I. Samuel Gardner, *Captain* ; Ephraim Howard, *Lieutenant* ; and Job Spencer, *Ensign*.

II. John Weight, *Captain* ; Shebna Spink, *Lieutenant* ; and Benjamin Greene, jun. *Ensign*.

III Robert Campbel, *Captain* ; Simeon Draper. *Lieutenant* ; and Philip Aylsworth, *Ensign*.

C O V E N T R Y :

I. Jonathan Nichols, *Captain* ; John Bucklin, *Lieutenant* ; and Daniel Colvin, *Ensign*.

II. Caleb Vaughan, *Captain* ; James Greene (*Son of Daniel*) *Lieutenant* ; and Joseph Weaver, *Ensign*.

E X E T E R ;

I. Samuel Weight, jun. *Captain* ; Stephen Albro, *Lieutenant* ; and John Babcock, *Ensign*.

II. William Tanner, *Captain* ; William Hyams, *Lieutenant* ; and Nathaniel Barber, *Ensign*.

M I D D L E T O W N ;

William Blifs, *Captain* ; James Barker the Third, *Lieutenant* ; and William Bailey, *Ensign* ; who refusing, Samuel Mumford was chosen in his Room.

B R I S T O L :

Joseph Reynold, jun. *Captain* ; John Wardwell, *Lieutenant* ; and Nathaniel Casey, *Ensign*.

T I V E R T O N :

I. Isaac Manchester, *Captain* ; Thomas Grey, jun. *Lieutenant* ; and Thomas Corey, *Ensign*.

II. William Cooke, *Captain* ; George Westgate, jun. *Lieutenant* ; and Stephen Tallman, *Ensign*.

L I T T L E - C O M P T O N :

David Hillard, *Captain* ; Thomas Burges, *Lieutenant* ; and Henry Wood, jun. *Ensign*.

W A R R E N ;

Josiah Humphreys, *Captain* ; Thomas Cole, *Lieutenant* ; and Benjamin Cole, *Ensign*.

C U M.

L U M B E R L A N D :

I. Nathaniel Whipple, *Captain* ; Benjamin Tower, *Lieutenant* ; and John Grant, *Ensign*.

II. John Nicholson, *Captain* ; Ariel Ballue, *Lieutenant* ; and Daniel Whipple, jun. *Ensign*.

R I C H M O N D :

Nicholas Larkin, *Captain* ; Thomas Potter, *Lieutenant* ; and John Kinyon (*Son of Joseph*) *Ensign*.

C R A N S T O N :

I. Richard Searle, jun. *Captain* ; Joseph Carpenter, *Lieutenant* ; and Obadiah King, *Ensign*.

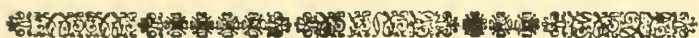
II. Philip Sheldon, *Captain* ; William Waterman, *Lieutenant* ; and William Field, *Ensign*.

III. Israel Gorton, jun. *Captain* ; John Burton, jun. *Lieutenant* ; and Ephraim Congdon, *Ensign*.

H O P K I N T O N :

I. John M'Coon, *Captain* ; Roger White, *Lieutenant* ; and Elias Lewis, *Ensign*.

II. Edward Wells, jun. *Captain* ; Daniel M'Coon, jun. *Lieutenant* ; and Joseph Wells, *Ensign*.



WHEREAS *Godfrey Malbone*, Esq; who was by this Assembly chosen Colonel, and *Godfrey Malbone*, jun. Esq; who was chosen Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*, have each of them refused to take upon them those Offices : This Assembly therefore do choote and appoint *Josias Lyndon* Esq; Colonel, *Benjamin Wickham*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, and Capt. *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Major of the said Regiment.

Jonathan Otis, Captain ; *Caleb Gardner*, Lieutenant ; and *Charles Spooner*, Ensign, of the First Company or Trained Band, in the Town of *Newport*.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War provide and lay in for the Soldiers raised by this Colony for the ensuing Campaign, so much Rum as shall be necessary for them until their Arrival at *Albany* : And that what Cloathing is provided for the said Soldiers, and shall not be by them received before their Departure, be pack'd up and sent in the Transports with the Soldiers, under the Care of the *Chief Officer*, that they may be supplied therewith after their Arrival at, or upon their Passage to *Albany*, if found necessary : And that the said *Chief Officer* keep an exact Account of the Cloathing that he shall deliver as aforesaid, and render the same unto the Committee of War.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That each and every of the Sheriffs that have been chosen by this Assembly, or that shall at any Time hereafter be elected, give Bond, with sufficient Sureties, before or at the Time of his Engagement, unto the General Treasurer, in the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Public Credit of the Old-Tenor, for his due and faithful Execution of said Office, in all and every Branch thereof.

Whereas a Part of the Town of *Charlestown's* Proportion of the last Rate, was assessed on the *Indians* of that Town, which the General Assembly afterwards ordered to be assessed and levied upon the White Inhabitants of said Town; but the same hath not yet been done: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed and fully impowered to give out his Warrant for collecting and levying the same, within one Month after the Rising of this Assembly.*

Whereas there was a Quantity of Tea and Chocolate provided for the Officers of the Troops raised in this Colony the last Fall, which was not made Use of: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War be, and they are hereby directed to deliver the same unto the Officers of the Forces now raising in this Colony, or such a Part thereof as they shall judge necessary.*

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to make out Commissions for the Officers appointed to command in the ensuing Campaign, and give Orders for the immediate Sailing of the Transports with the Soldiers; together with proper Instructions to the Chief Officer, for the due Regulation of his Conduct.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Persons who were appointed to take a true Account of the Value of all Rateable Estates and the Number of all Rateable Polls, within this Colony, be still continued for that Purpose; and that they make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session, upon the Peril of incurring the Penalty mentioned in the Act for taking the said Account.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Committee of War be, and they hereby are invested with the same Power and Authority as they have heretofore had, until the next Session of this Assembly, respecting the present Expedition, and procuring every Thing necessary for sending away the Forces, and so forth.

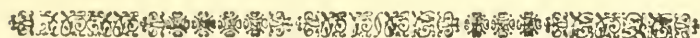
BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all Prisoners, Subjects of the French King, that shall from time to time be brought into this Colony, be confined in some of His Majesty's Gaols, and maintained at the Charge of the Colony, after the Condemnation of the Prize in which they are brought.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. William Read be, and he hereby is added to Capt. William Mumford and Mr. Caleb Carr, to inspect the Dwelling House and Barracks, and all other Buildings at the Fort, and determine whether it will be best to move or have them pulled down, in order to carry on and complete the Building of said Fort ; and if they think it most prudent to pull the said Buildings down, that they consider and determine where to erect others in their Stead.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Joseph Lippitt be, and he is hereby appointed to receive of the Hon. Stephen Hopkins, Esq; late Governor, the Charter, Seal, Letters, Papers, and all other Things in his Hands belonging to the Colony, and deliver the same unto his Honor the present Governor, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

And it is farther Voted and Resolved, That all Committees that were directed to make Reports unto the General Assembly at the present Session, be farther continued and directed to make their Reports at the next Session.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Town of Newport be, and hereby is impowered to make a Rate for defraying the Charge of *Watching* in said Town in the Time of War, as well as in Time of Peace, if it shall be thought by the Council of War, as well as the said Town, to be the best Method : And that the Fine for neglecting to *Ward* in the Town of Newport, be augmented to Three Pounds by the Day, and for neglecting to *Watch*, be augmented to Thirty Shillings by the Night.



An ACT for impowering his Honor the Governor, upon Demand being made by Major-General Webb, or the Commanding Officer for the Time being, to raise and forthwith send One Hundred and Fifty Men to his Assistance.

WH E R E A S his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun hath recommended to this Colony, That the Militia of the same be well equipped, and held in Readiness to march to the Assistance of His Majesty's Forces, for the Defence of the Country.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That upon Demand being
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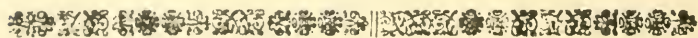
made by Maj. Gen. *Webb*, or the Commanding Officer for the Time being, of a Number of Men, his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby impowered, by and with the Advice of his Council, to draught, or otherwise raise out of the Militia of the several Towns in this Colony, a Number of Men not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty, in the same Proportion as the last Men rais'd were, and to appoint proper Officers for them, and to order them to march immediately to such Place as Maj. Gen. *Webb*, or the Commanding Officer for the Time being, shall appoint.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Officers and Men who shall be rais'd and sent in Pursuance of this Act, shall receive the same Bounty and Wages, and be entitled to the same Benefits, Privileges, and Immunities, that the other Troops in the Pay of this Colony enjoy : And that the Committee of War be, and they hereby are impowered and directed to procure Arms, and every Thing necessary for the said Men, at the Expence of the Colony.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That his Honor the Governor be, and is ^{hereby} requested to write an Answer to the Earl of Loudoun's Letter, and lay a Copy thereof before this Assembly at their next Session.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Field Officers of the several Regiments of Militia in this Colony, be, and they are hereby directed forthwith to issue Warrants to their respective Captains, to cause the Law for Arming the Inhabitants of this Colony, to be immediately and strictly put into Execution.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to build the Colony-Sloop, be, and they hereby are impowered to draw Money out of the General Treasury for carrying on that Business ; and if there be not a Sufficiency there, the General Treasurer is directed to hire what shall be wanting : And that the said Committee proceed in said Work as fast as possible.



An ACT for preventing the Officers of this Colony from being used ill in discharging their Duties.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That every Inhabitant or Resident within this Colony, who at any Time after the Publication of this Act, obstructs, insults, assaults, or in any other Way or Manner abuses any Civil or Military Officer of the Colony, in the Execution of his Office, or afterwards, for having done what was his Duty, shall forfeit

forfeit and pay as a Fine, unto and for the Colony's Use, a Sum of Money in Proportion to the Nature of the Offence, not exceeding One Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit of the Old-Tenor ; to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, at any Court of Record in the County where the Offence shall be committed.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session : That the Secretary publish by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; which is hereby adjourned unto the second Monday of *June* next.

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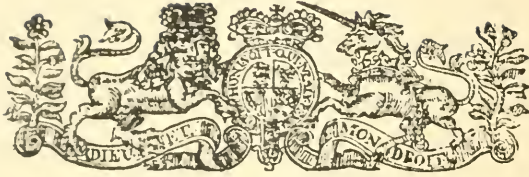
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WITNESS

Tho Ward Secy





At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun and holden by Adjournment at *Newport*, in said Colony, on *Monday* the thirteenth of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, and in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Gov.

The Hon. *JOHN GARDNER*, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	} <i>Assist.</i>	DAVID ANTHONY, Esq;	} <i>Assist.</i>
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HENRY HARRIS, Esq;		NATHANIEL SEARLE, Esq;	
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ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several T O W N S.

The Hon. BENJAMIN WICKHAM, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	}	Providence;
The Speaker.		Mr. <i>William Smith</i> ,
<i>Simon Pease</i> , Esq;	}	Col. <i>Christopher Harris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Gideon Wanton</i> , jun.		<i>Daniel Jenckes</i> , Esq;
Maj. <i>Joseph Wanton</i> ;	}	Mr. <i>James Olney</i> .
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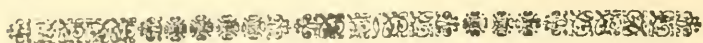
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Warwick ;		Coventry ;
<i>Mr. Joseph Lippitt</i> ,		<i>Capt. Abel Potter</i> ,
<i>Capt. Randal Rice</i> ,		<i>Mr. Isaac Greene</i> .
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<i>Capt. James Arnold</i> , jun.		<i>Capt. John Reynolds</i> ,
Westerly ;		<i>Benoni Hall</i> , Esq;
<i>Mr. Samuel Ward</i> ,		Middletown ;
<i>Capt. Joseph Stanton</i> .		<i>Mr. William Baley</i> ,
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<i>Capt. Edward Sands</i> .		Bristol ;
North-Kingstown ;		<i>Capt. Simeon Potter</i> ,
<i>Col. Immanuel Northup</i> ,		<i>Mr. William Pearce</i> .
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<i>Jeremiah Niles</i> , Esq;		<i>Mr. John Bowen</i> .
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<i>Capt. William Hazzard</i> .		<i>Mr. Peter Bicknal</i> .
<i>Mr. Edward Carr</i> .		Cumberland ;
Smithfield ;		<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq;
<i>Thomas Arnold</i> , Esq;		<i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq;
<i>Mr. Jeremiah Mowrey</i> .		Richmond ;
Scituate ;		<i>Samuel Test</i> , Esq;
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;		<i>Capt. Peleg Thomas</i> .
<i>Jeremiah Angel</i> , Esq;		Cranston ;
Glocester ;		<i>Jonathan Randal</i> , Esq;
<i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq;		<i>Matthew Manchester</i> , Esq;
Charlestown ;		Hopkinton ;
<i>Col. Christopher Champlin</i> ,		<i>Maj. Joshua Clarke</i> ,
<i>Gideon Hoxsie</i> , Esq;		<i>Mr. Hezekiah Collins</i> .

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.



HEREAS there are a Number of *French* Prisoners confined to His Majesty's Gaols within this Colony, and supported at the Expence of the Public: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, or his Honor the Deputy Governor, be, and they, and each of them, are, and is hereby impowered to permit the said *French* Prisoners to go off unto *Europe* or the *West-Indies*, that is to say, *one* or *two* in a Vessel as Mariners, and at such Wages as they shall agree for.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That John Tillinghust and Daniel Coggeshall, Esqrs. Mr. Joseph Lipsett, and James Sheffield, Esq; be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of War, and make Report unto this Assembly during their present Session.



An ACT further to prevent the Inhabitants of this Colony from carrying on any Trade or Commerce with the French.

WHEREAS the Laws that have been heretofore made for preventing the Inhabitants of this Colony from carrying on a Trade with the French, now at open War with our most gracious Sovereign, have been found so far from being sufficient, that several have trafficked and carried on Commerce with the Subjects of France, under a Pretext of going to a Spanish Port called Monti Christo, upon the Island of Hispaniola, which is but a few Leagues distant from the French Settlements upon that Island.

For preventing whereof in Time to come,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, if any Person or Persons shall proceed out of any Port or Place in this Colony, in a Ship or other Vessel, unto the Island of Hispaniola, or any Port, Harbour, Creek, or Haven therein, either as Master, Merchant, or Factor, he and they shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds; to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within the Colony; one Half to and for the Colony's Use, and the other Half unto him or them that shall inform and sue for the same; and the Offender shall also suffer one Year's Imprisonment in His Majesty's Gaol, without Bail or Mainprize: And furthermore, the Ship or Vessel in which such Person or Persons go or return from the Island of Hispaniola, shall be forfeited, together with her Cargo; one Half to and for the Colony's Use, and the other Half unto him or them who shall inform and sue for the same. *And this Act shall be in Force during the Continuance of the present War and no longer.*

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the following List, were chosen unto the Offices ascribed to their respective Names, to wit:

Augustus Johnson, Esq; Attorney General, in the Stead of Daniel Updike, Esq; lately deceas'd.

Godfrey Mulbone, jun. Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport, in the Stead of Benjamin Wickham, Esq; who refused.

John Spencer, Esq; (Son of William) Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent, in the Room of Henry Rice, Esq; who refused.

Stephen

Stephen Potter, Esq; Major of the Regiment last mentioned.

Jeremiah Niles, Esq; fifth Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, in and throughout the Colony ; who refusing, *Joseph Lippitt*, Esq; was chosen to the said Office.

James Tanner, Esq; a Justice of the Peace within and for the Town of *Newport*.

Samuel Rogers, Esq; a Justice of the Peace within and for the Town of *Portsmouth*.

Isaac Johnson, Esq; the fifth Justice of the Peace for the Town of *West-Greenwich*.

Benjamin Reynolds, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*, in the Room of *Benjamin Lawton*, Esq; who refused. *Caleb Arnold*, and *Philip Jenckins*, Esqrs. Justices of the Peace for the same Town.

Benjamin Hall Lieutenant of the Company, or Train'd Band, in the Town of *Portsmouth*, in the Room of *Giles Cooke*, who hath removed out of said Town ; and *Joseph Shearman*, jun. Ensign.

Seth Eldred Captain of the Third Company, or Train'd Band, in the Town of *North-Kingstown*, in the Room of *Christopher Phillips*, deceased, and *Sylvester Hyams* Lieutenant of the same Company, or Train'd Band.

James Bliven Lieutenant of the Second Company, or Train'd Band, in the Town of *Westerly*, in the Room of *Edward Saunders*, who refused ; and *Stephen Wilcox*, jun. Ensign of the said Company.

Chad Brown Captain of the First Company, or Trained Band, in the Town of *Glocester*, in the Room of *Joseph Steere*, who refused ; and *William Hawkins* Lieutenant of the said Company.

Whereas sundry of the Inhabitants of *Prudence-Island*, in the County of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That as they live upon an Island in the Township of *Portsmouth*, which lieth at a considerable Distance from the said Town of *Portsmouth*, whereby it hath often Times happened, that the Weather hath proved so tempestuous upon a *Training-Day*, that they have not been able to get over unto *Portsmouth*, as their Duty required ; which subjecting them to great Difficulties, they prayed to be erected and made into a Company or train'd Band, and have proper Officers to command them.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority, thereof, It is Enacted, That the Inhabitants of the said *Prudence-Island* be, and they hereby are created and made a Company, or Trained Band, to be distinguished and called the Second Company, or Trained Band, of the Town of *Portsmouth*, and for the future shall be under proper Officers.

And accordingly, this Assembly do choose and appoint *John Allen*, jun. Captain *Caleb Hill* Lieutenant, and *Joshua Allen* Ensign of the said Second Company, or Train'd Band, of the Town of *Portsmouth*.

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An A C T exempting the Field, and others, the Commissioned Officers, living within the Town of *Newport*, from serving as Jurors.

W H E R E A S there is a greater Military Duty incumbent upon, and necessarily to be performed by the Commissioned Officers of the Town of *Newport*, than by those of any other Town in the Colony, as they, by Law, are subjected to watch, ward, and so forth.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, all Field, and other the Commissioned Officers, living within the Town of *Newport*, be, and hereby are exempted from serving as Jurors : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary, in anywise, notwithstanding.

T H I S Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Crandall*, Esq; be, and he is hereby chosen a Town's Committee-Man for *Westerly*, in the Room of *Maj. Joshua Clarke*, who, by the late Division of the said Town, is become an Inhabitant of the Town of *Hopkinton* : That the said *Maj. Joshua Clarke* and *Capt. Edward Wells* be, and they hereby are chosen Committee-Men for the said Town of *Hopkinton* ; and that *Col. Immanuel Northup* be, and he is hereby chosen a Town's Committee-Man for *North-Kingstown*, in the Room of *Edward Dyre*, Esq; who hath lately removed out of the said *North-Kingstown*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the Pay of the Soldiers at the Fort be, and it is hereby augmented, but not so much as to exceed the Sum of Forty Pounds *per Month*.

Whereas *John Tillinghast* and *Daniel Coggeshall*, Esqrs. *Mr. Joseph Lippitt* and *James Sheffield*, Esq; were by this Assembly, at the Beginning of the present Session, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of War, and make Report thereon before the Rising of this Assembly. And whereas, the major Part of the said Committee having entered upon that Service, presented the Report following.

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine and see what Sums of Money the Committee of War hath received of the General Treasurer, that they ought to account with the Government for, do Report, That

Stephen Hopkins, Esq; hath received - £. 132618 10 8

Daniel Fencker, Esq; hath received - 102208 16 8

What the other Gentlemen of the Committee of War have received, consists of such a Number of Draughts on the Treasurer, that we apprehend we cannot Report this Session.

June 16. 1757.

Daniel Coggeshall,
Joseph Lippitt,
James Sheffield.”

And

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

Whereas *Obadiab Brown*, and *Samuel Chace*, Esqrs. and Mr. *Joseph Lippitt*, were appointed to audit the Accounts of the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; as a Member of the Committee of War; and having performed that Service, presented this Assembly with what followeth.

“ Dr--- *The Colony of Rhode-Island their Account with Stephen Hopkins, one of the Committee of War.*

TO sundry Articles, as contained and charged in the Paper, marked N^o 1, settled, and Vouchers produc'd, £. 27739 5 10

To sundry Articles, charged in Lawful Money, in the same Paper, N^o 1. - - - £. 302 10 0

To the Charges in the Paper, N^o 2, Lawful Money, - - - 673 8 3

To the Charges in the Paper, No 5, Lawful Money, 823 10 0

1799 8 3-23992 3 4

To Cash paid in Lawful Money of the Colony of *Connecticut*, £ 493 17 11½, equal to 1646½ Dollars, at £. 5. 15 - a Piece (in the Paper) No 3. 9466 8 4

To Cash paid sundry Persons, as charged in No 4. - - - 8415 2 11

To Cash paid sundry Persons, as charged in No 6. - - - 4524 2 0

To Cash paid sundry Persons, as charged in No 7. - - - 3311 5 9

To Cash paid sundry Persons, as charged in No 8. - - - 12350 14 9

£. 89799 2 9

To my Commissions on £. 42005 13 2 audited *February 20th, 1756*, at *Two per Cent.* 840 2 3

To my Commissions on the above Sum of £. 89799 2 9, now audited at *Two per Cent.* 1796 0 0

92435 5 0

To a former Account, audited 20th Feb. 1756. 42005 13 2

£. 134440 18 2

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BY Cash received of the General Treasurer at sundry Times, - - - £. 132618 10 8

Examined by Order of Assembly, the 15th Day of *June*,
1757.

Daniel Coggeshall,
Joseph Lippitt,
James Sheffield."

" **WE** the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, to examin and adjust the Accounts of *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; as he is one of the Committee of War for the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, since the 20th Day of *February*, 1756, have accordingly done the same ; he having produced proper Vouchers for the Sum of Eighty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Nine Pence. We therefore Report, that he ought to be credited for that Sum, in his Account with the Colony : And as to what Sums he hath received of the Colony's Treasurer, we have no Knowledge. Witness our Hands this twenty-ninth Day of *April*, 1757.

O. Brown,
Jos. Lippitt,
Sam^l Chace."

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

Whereas *Obadiab Brown*, Esq; *Samuel Chace*, Esq; and *Mr. Joseph Lippitt* were appointed to audit the Accounts of the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; as Members of the Committee of War ; and having assumed that Province, presented this Assembly with the following Report, to wit :

" *Providence, April 29th, 1757.*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly to settle the Accounts of Messrs. *Hopkins* and *Jenckes*, as Committee of War, do find the Sum of Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten Pence Old-Tenor, of *Daniel Jenckes*, Esquire's Account, to be right, and proper Vouchers produced for the same, from the eighth Day of *March*, 1756, to the twenty-ninth Day of *April*, 1757, without any Commissions charged.

O. Brown,
Jos. Lippitt,
Sam^l Chace."

£. 60237 18 10

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

And whereas, the Gentlemen of the Committee in the Paragraph next preceding, farther presented what followeth, to wit :

" *Providence,*

" *Providence, June 10th, 1757.*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly to settle the Accounts of *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; one of the Committee of War, do find the Sum of Eight Thousand One Hundred and Eight Pounds Seven Shillings and Six Pence Old-Tenor, of *Daniel Jenckes's* Account, to be just and right, with proper Vouchers produced for the same; without any Commissions being charged from the 29th Day of *April*, 1757, to the 10th Day of *June*, 1757.

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O. Brown,
Jof. Lippitt,
Sam^l Chase."

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

Whereas Mr. *Robert Huszard* of *South-Kingstown*, and Capt. *John Reynold* of *Exeter*, were appointed by the General Assembly, to run the dividing Line between those two Towns, and erect Monuments therein; and the Gentlemen having performed that Service, presented the following Report, to wit:

" **W**HEREAS we the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly of the Colony of *Rhode-Island, &c.* on the twentieth Day of *November*, A. D. 1756, to run the Line between *South-Kingstown* and *Exeter*, and erect proper Monuments. And, in Obedience thereto, we have taken in Hand that Affair, and do conclude and agree, that the said Line shall begin in the Middle of the Highway that leads Westward from *Eber Shearman's*, and opposite to the dividing Line between *North-Kingstown* and *Exeter*, and run along the Middle of said Highway Westward, till it comes opposite to a large White Oak Tree, which is the South West Corner of *Jeoffry Champlin*, junior's Farm, which was formerly *Jeoffry Huszard's* Farm, and five Rods Distance South or Southward from said Tree, and then beginning at a Black Oak Tree, that has formerly been marked, which is about ten Rods from the aforefaid White Oak Tree to the Southward, and run from thence West twenty-seven Degrees North, which Line hits the South Part of the House where *Jonathan Shearman* formerly lived, and so continued that Course to the Highway that divides *Richmond* and *Exeter*, making several Monuments in said Line. Witness our Hands the 28th Day of *April*, 1757.

Robert Huszard,
John Reynold, jun."

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

Whereas

Whereas *Abigail Potter of Cranston*, in the County of *Providence*, Widow of *Gideon Potter*, late of the said *Cranston*, deceased, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That her said Husband went last Year in the Service of this Colony as a Soldier, in Lieut. Col. *Angel's* Company, in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*: That he the said *Gideon* was unfortunately killed by the Enemy, leaving the Petitioner in very low Circumstances, with a Family of Children, two of whom are not four Years of Age: That she being very weakly, and subject to Fits, is not in a Capacity to support herself and the said Children. Wherefore she prayed this Assembly to take her deplorable Case into Consideration.

And this Assembly having so done,

Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury unto the Town Council of *Cranston* aforesaid, for and towards the present Relief and Maintenance of the Petitioner and her Children.

Whereas Messrs. *William Richards* and *John Coddington*, both of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Merchants in Company, did exhibit unto the General Assembly, at the Session holden at *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on Monday the tenth of *January* last, an Account amounting to Twenty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Eleven Pence Half-penny Sterling, by them charged against the Government, for the Freight from *New-York* to *Newport* aforesaid, of the Gold and Silver granted by His Majesty unto this Colony, for Cordage, for Buoy-Ropes, and seven Buoys; whereupon they were allowed the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, which was ordered to be paid them out of the General Treasury. And whereas, the said *William Richards* and *John Coddington* have now remonstrated, that the Sum allowed them as aforesaid, is not a Reward in any wise adequate to the Care, Labor, and Expence which they were at, in the Service so rendered unto the Colony; and therefore prayed for a farther Allowance.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, be allowed and paid the said *William Richards* and *John Coddington* out of the General Treasury, as a farther Allowance for their Care, Labor, and Expence, in transporting the aforesaid Gold and Silver from *New-York* unto *Newport*, as is aforesaid.

An ACT for proportioning the Rate of One Hundred Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, upon the several Towns in this Colony, and for ordering the same to be assessed, levied; and collected, before or upon the last Day of *October* next.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the Rate of One Hundred Thousand

and Pounds Old-Tenor, ordered by the General Assembly to be assessed, levied, and collected the thirtieth Day of *December* next, be, and the same is hereby ordered to be assessed, levied, collected, and paid into the General Treasury, before or upon the thirty-first Day of *October* next.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate shall be, and it is hereby proportioned upon the several Towns in this Colony, in the following Manner, that is to say :

The Town of				The Town of	
Newport shall pay £.	20000	0	0	Providence shall pay £.	7578
Portsmouth,	4496	2	2	Smithfield,	5770
Newboreham,	2116	13	5	Scituate,	2560
Jamestown,	2252	18	10	Glocester,	2550
Middletown.	3076	17	2	Cumberland,	1668
Tiverton,	3304	11	9	Cranston,	3874
Little-Compton,	3252	16	7		
					£. 24000

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The Town of				The Town of	
Westerly shall pay £.	2528			Bristol shall pay	£. 2600
North-Kingstown,	4550			Warren,	2400
South-Kingstown,	7337	10			£. 5000
Charlestown,	1750			The Town of	
Exeter,	2225			Warwick shall pay	£. 4627
Richmond,	1525			East-Greenwich,	2581
Hopkinson,	2084	10		West-Greenwich,	1646
				Coventry,	1646

£. 22000

£. 10500

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall, upon their assessing or apportioning the aforesaid Rate, return a true Bill or List of the same unto the Clerk of the Town unto which they respectively belong, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a Copy thereof unto the General Treasurer in four Days, who, upon Receipt thereof, shall issue his Warrants in four Days, unto the several Collectors of Rates of the respective Towns, requiring them, in His Majesty's Name, to collect and pay unto the General Treasurer, for the Time being, the several Sums to them respectively committed, in order to their collecting the same.

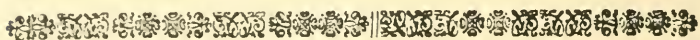
AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall
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arise in or upon the Assessing and Collecting its Part of the aforesaid Rate or Tax.

A N D it is further Enacted, That the Poll-Money in assessing this Rate, shall be Six Pence *per* Thousand Pound.

A N D the Secretary is hereby directed to send a Copy of this Act to every Town Clerk in the Colony, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by said Town Clerk immediately delivered unto the Assessors or Ratemakers of his Town.

A N D the respective Collectors of this Rate, are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting the same ; and as soon as they have collected any considerable Sum of Money, to pay the same unto the General Treasurer, so that the whole Sums be paid into the Treasury by the Time in this Act limited.



An A C T to prevent Sheep and Horses from going at Large in or near the compact Part of the Town of *Providence*.

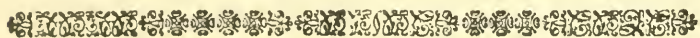
B E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, no Sheep or Horses shall be suffered to go at Large in any of the Highways, Commons, or unfenced Lands, within the compact Part of the Town of *Providence*, or within the following Limits adjacent thereto, that is to say : Beginning at *Seaconck* River, where the Northern Line of the Farm now in the Occupation of *Obadiah Brown*, Esq; joins to said River, and to continue from thence Westward upon the Northern Boundary Lines of the said Farm, and Capt. *Stephen Dexter's* Farm, until it comes to *Moshassuck* River, and from thence by a straight Line to the North East Part of the Land called the Stated Common ; from thence by the Northern and Western Lines of the said Stated Common, until it comes to the South Western Part thereof ; and from thence by a straight Line drawn due South, until it meets the North Line of the Town of *Cranston*, and from thence Eastward by said Line unto the Salt Water.

A N D be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Sheep or Horses shall, at any Time hereafter, be found going at Large within the Limits in this Act above described, it shall and may be lawful for any Inhabitant of the said Town of *Providence*, to take up and impound the same ; and the Owner or Owners of any such Sheep or Horses, shall not have them delivered to him, her, or them again, until he, she, or they shall have paid as a Fine into the Town Treasury of the said Town of *Providence*, Five Shillings *per* Head for each Sheep, and Twenty Shillings for each Horse so taken up and impounded, and all Costs and Charge of impounding and keeping such Sheep or Horse ; and the Pound Keeper shall not discharge any such Creature from the Pound, until

until the Town Treasurer certifies him, that the Fines and Charges are actually paid, agreeable to this Act.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Sheep or Horse shall have continued in the Pound forty-eight Hours, the Pound-keeper shall set up Notifications in three public Places in the Towns of Providence, Smithfield, and Cranston, setting forth the Number and Marks of the Creatures so impounded: And in Case no Owner or Owners shall appear to claim and pay the Fines and Charges for such Sheep or Horses, within twenty Days from the Day of the Date of such Notifications, then the Treasurer of the said Town of Providence, shall cause such Creatures to be sold at a Public Vendue, and out of the Money arising from such Sale, pay the Costs and Charges that may have arisen by such Sheep or Horses, and shall put the Remainder into the Treasury of the said Town of Providence, to and for the Use thereof.

Provided Nevertheless, and it is the true Intent and Meaning hereof, That this Act, or any Clause therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed or deemed to extend unto any Horse or Horses belonging to Persons dwelling without the District afore-mentioned, that shall accidentally stray away from his, her, or their Owner or Owners, Keeper or Keepers.



AN ACT to prevent the Commanders of Privateers, or Masters of any other Vessels, from carrying Slaves out of this Colony.

WHEREAS it frequently happens, that the Commanders of Privateers, and Masters of other Vessels, do carry off Slaves that are the Property of Inhabitants of this Colony, and that without the Privy or Consent of their Masters or Mistresses. And whereas, there is no Law of this Colony for remedying so great an Evil:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, if any Commander of a private Man of War, or Master of a Merchant-ship or other Vessel, shall knowingly carry away from or out of this Colony, a Slave or Slaves, the Property of any Inhabitant thereof, the Commander of such Privateer, or the Master of the said Merchant-ship or Vessel, shall pay as a Fine, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds; to be recovered by the General Treasurer of this Colony, for the Time being, by Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within the Colony.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Owner or Owners of any Slave or Slaves, that may be carried away as aforesaid, shall have a Right of Action against the Commander of the said Privateer, or Master of the said Merchant Ship or Vessel, or against the Owner or Owners of the same, in which
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the said Slave or Slaves is or are carried away ; and by the said Action or Suit, recover of him or them *double Damages*.

AND whereas, Disputes may arise respecting the Knowledge that the Owner or Owners, Commanders or Masters of the said Privateer Man of War, Merchant Ships or Vessels, may have of any Slave or Slaves being on Board a Privateer, or Merchant Ship or Vessel : *Be it therefore farther Enacted, and by the Authority aforesaid, It is Enacted*, That when any Owner or Owners of any Slave or Slaves in this Colony, shall suspect that a Slave or Slaves, to him, her, or them belonging, is or are on Board any Private Man of War, or Merchant Ship or Vessel, the Owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves, may make Application either to the Owner or Owners, or to the Commander or Master of the said Ship or Vessel, before its sailing, and inform him or them thereof ; which being done in the Presence of one or more substantial Witnesses or Witnessees, the said Information or Application shall amount to, and be construed, deemed, and taken to be a full Proof of his or their Knowledge thereof, *provided* the said Slave or Slaves shall go in any such Ship or Vessel.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That If the Owner or Owners of any Slave or Slaves in this Colony, or any other Person or Persons, legally authorized by the Owner or Owners of a Slave or Slaves, shall attempt to go on Board any Privateer, or a Merchant Ship or Vessel, to search for his, her, or their Slave or Slaves, and the Commander or Master of such Ship or Vessel, or other Officer or Officers on Board the same, in the Absence of the Commander or Master, shall refuse to permit such Owner or Owners of a Slave or Slaves, or other Person or Persons authorized as aforesaid, to go on Board and search for the Slave or Slaves, by him, her, or them missed, or found absent, such Refusal shall be deemed, construed, and taken to be full Proof, that the Owner or Owners, Commander or Master of the said Privateer, or other Ship or Vessel, hath or have a real Knowledge that such Slave or Slaves is or are on Board.

AND this Act shall be forthwith published, and therefrom have and take Force and Effect in and throughout this Colony.

Accordingly, the aforesaid Act was published by Beat of Drum, on the seventeenth Day of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, a few Minutes before Noon, by

THO. WARD, *Secr'y.*

WHereas there are two Books in the Secretary's Office, which were provided for Registering Letters received from or sent to the Agent, but have not been yet used : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Books be applied, one for recording all the Letters that the Colony hath received from the Crown, or other Officers, concerning the Affairs of the Government, and the other for Registering such Letters as the Colony hath sent abroad ; but that the Secretary go no farther back than the Packets for declaring the present War, and other Papers and Letters since.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the Rate of One Hundred Thousand Pounds be forthwith proportioned unto the several Towns, and that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Act before the Rising of this Assembly, in order to settle and adjust the said Proportion.

Whereas *Christain Mayer* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account amounting to Eighty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings, by him charged against the Colony, for Boarding the Captain of a *French Prize* which was brought into this Colony, and his Boy, with Washing, and so forth : And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That Fifty-three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Four Pence, of the said Account, be allowed and paid the said *Christain Mayer* out of the General Treasury.

And whereas the aforelaid *Christain Mayer*, exhibited unto this Assembly a second Account, amounting to Seventy-four Pounds Ten Shillings, by him charged against the Colony, for Boarding four Officers of the Prize above-mentioned, and so forth : And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That Thirty-seven Pounds of the said Account, be allowed and paid the said *Christain Mayer* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account amounting to Two Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of seven *French Prisoners* in the said Gaol : And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That Two Hundred and Ten Pounds be allowed and paid the said *George Lawton* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *John Tillinghast*, *Thomas Cranston*, *Peter Bours*, and *James Sheffield*, Esqrs. be farther continued a Committee ; and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized to audit the Accounts of the Grand Committee : And that the Treasurer, or Keeper of the said Grand Committee's Office be, and he hereby is required to produce unto the said *John Tillinghast*, *Thomas Cranston*, *Peter Bours*, and *James Sheffield*, or the major Part of them, all the original Bonds that are due, or remain unpaid, that is to say, as well those for which Writs have been issued and returned *non est*, as well as others in the said Office ; that he be also, and hereby is required to produce unto the said Committee, or the major Part of them, all the Money that he hath receiv'd for Bonds, or render an Account unto the said Committee, or the major Part of them, how he hath disposed of the same ; with good Vouchers, that he farther render unto the said Committee, an Account or List of all Judgments obtained in the several Courts by the said

Grand Committee, which yet remain unsatisfied : And that the said *John Tillinghast*, *Thomas Cranston*, *Peter Bours*, and *James Sheffield* make Report unto the General Assembly at their next Session.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, be, and they hereby are farther continued for that Purpose ; and that they, or the major Part of them, compleat the said Business, and make Report unto the General Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session in *Providence*, on the first Tuesday of *February* last, appointed a Committee to build a Sloop for protecting the Trade, and so forth, at the Expence of the Colony : And this Assembly having better considered of that Matter, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the Vessel now building at *Providence*, in Consequence of the above-mentioned Vote, shall be made into a Brigantine.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Obadiah Brown*, Esq; and *Mr. William Smith* be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *David Wilkinso*n, Esq; with the Colony ; to inspect into the Charges which arose from the Imprisoning of *Capt. Joseph Hughes* ; to enquire also, whether the said *Joseph Hughes* hath Estate sufficient to pay the said Charges, and make Report of all these Matters unto this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Wages of the Gunner of *Fort George* be, and the same are hereby augmented unto Forty-two Pounds Old-Tenor *per Month*.

Whereas Messrs. *William Richards* and *John Coddington*, both of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Merchants in Company, and Owners of the private Man of War called the *Abercrombie*, commanded by *Capt Joseph Rivers*, which was lately taken into the Colony's Service, by his Honor the Deputy Governor, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for the Hire of their said Vessel, and for Necessaries expended, in a Cruise lately made out of the Harbour of *Newport*, by the said Brig. in order to take a *French Privateer*, which his Honor had been informed was hovering about the Coast of this Colony, and had made one or more Captures : And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Hundred and Ninety Pounds, the Ballance thereof, be allowed and paid the said *William Richards* and *John Coddington* out of the General Treasury.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Jewkes*, Esq; be, and hereby is appointed and empowered to receive of *Samuel Chace*, Esq; late Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery,
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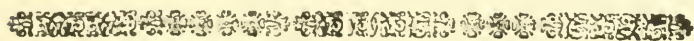
in the County of *Providence*, all the Books and Files to the said Office belonging, and deliver them unto *John Foster*, jun. Esq the present Clerk of the said Court, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and hereby is directed to hire a Sum of Silver Money sufficient to pay the Colony's Commissioners that waited upon his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, at the Congress held in *Boston* the last Winter.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *James Helme*, Esq; be, and he hereby is appointed a Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, throughout the Colony, in the Stead of *Joseph Lippitt*, Esq; who refused to take that Office upon him.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved. That the Committee of War be, and hereby are requested to agree with a good Doctor upon the best Terms they can, and send him up to the Forces raised by this Colony, as soon as they can; and that Six Shillings and Eight Pence, *New-York* Currency, be added to the Monthly Wages of the Soldiers in the Colony's Pay; that the said Addition be paid the said Soldiers weekly, by equal Payments, to enable them to purchase such small Stores as have not yet been allowed them; that the Committee of War send such Goods to *New-York* or *Albany*, as they shall think best, to raise the Money for the Commanding Officer to pay the additional Wages, and send a farther Supply of Medicines to the Camp, when they shall find it necessary. And that his Honor the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to answer Col. *Angel's* Letter, and inform him, that by the Encouragement which this Government received from one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, it was expected the Transportation of the Baggage, and Camp Furniture, would be at the King's Charge, and that our Sick should have the same Care taken of them as the Regulars.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Joseph Lippitt* be, and he hereby is appointed to receive of the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; late Governor of this Colony, all Papers and Letters of a public Nature, belonging to the Government, which he has in his Hands, and deliver the same unto his Honor the present Governor.



AN ACT to prevent the Soldiers in the Pay of this Colony, from embezzelling or destroying the Arms which they have been furnished with, at the Expence of the Government.

WHEREAS this Colony hath been greatly injured by the Troops in former Campaigns, embezzelling and destroying their Arms.

For

For preventing whereof for the future,

BE IT ENACTED by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the Committee of War be, and they hereby are strictly enjoined to require an Account of every Soldier returning from the Camp without his Arms, what became of them ; and if the Soldier or Soldiers, so returning, either by Furlough or Discharge, do not bring a Certificate from the Captain of the Company unto which he or they belonged, that he or they have delivered up his or their Arms, in good Order, unto the said Captain, or to the Person or Persons that may be appointed for that Purpose, before his or their leaving the Camp, that the said Committee of War deduct out of the Wages of such Soldier or Soldiers, the full Value of such Arms as he or they were furnished with ; and that a Copy of this Act be forthwith sent unto the Commanding Officer of the Troops of this Colony, and that the said Commanding Officer inform the Troops of the Contents of this Act.

Whereas the Superior Courts of Judicature, Courts of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, which ought to have been holden within and for the Counties of *Providence* and *Kings County* in *May* last, fell through ; by Means whereof, all Actions brought to, and every other Matter pending in the said Courts, have been discontinued, which will prove greatly Prejudicial unto the Parties concerned, without a proper Remedy :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That all Actions brought to, or pending in the said Superior Courts, or either of them, together with every other Matter and Thing, be, and they hereby are revived and continued to the next Session of the Superior Courts of Judicature, Courts of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, in the said Counties respectively ; and that all and every of the said Actions, Matters, and Things, be referred to, and shall stand and be in the same State and Condition as they would have been, had the said Courts not fallen through.

The two Papers next following, are Copies of the Protests entered against the Act for proportioning the Rate unto the several Towns.

“ **WE** the Subscribers, do desire to dissent from the Proportion of the Tax in the County of *Newport*, for the Reasons following.

1. Because that last Year, when the Tax was proportioned, there was about Four Hundred Pounds taken from *New-Shoreham*, and Three Hundred and Seventy Pounds of said Sum, added to the Town of *Little-Compton*, which is a great Hardship, as we had a large Proportion before.

2. Whereas

2. Whereas it is the Opinion of many Men, that *New-Shoreham* was very low last Year ; we think that there ought to be at least Three Hundred Pounds taken from our Town, and proportioned to some of the other Towns.

Thomas Church,
William Wilbor."

“ I THE Subscriber, do hereby dissent from, and protest against the Vote hereto annexed, passing as an Act of this General Assembly.

For that the Town of *Cranston*, whereof I am a Representative in this present Assembly, is over-rated in the present Assessment, in Proportion to the Towns of *Providence*, *Glocester*, &c. as to me appears, both by my own private Knowledge of the Circumstances of said Towns, and by the Lists of Rateable Estates, given in upon Oath by the Gentlemen appointed by Act of Assembly.

Newport, June 18. 1757.

Jonathan Randal."

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session : That the Secretary publish by Beat of Drum, in the Town of Newport, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within forty, send Copies of the same, together with Copies of the Acts and Orders made and passed at the last Session, unto each Town in the Colony, according to Law ; and that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned to the fourth Monday of August next.

G O D Save the K I N G.

Published according to Order, the 27th Day of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, by

T H O. W A R D, Sec'y.

A true Copy, duly examined.

WITNESS

Tho Ward Secry



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA* ; begun in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor, and holden at *Newport*, in the said Colony, on Wednesday the Tenth of *August*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, and in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of G O D, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T.

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The Hon. *JOHN GARDNER*, Esq; Dep. Gov.

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ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		The SECRETARY.	

DEPUTIES of the several T O W N S.

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N E W P O R T ;

The Speaker.

Simon Pease, Esq;

Mr. *Gideon Wanton*, jun.

Lieut. Col. *Joseph Wanton*,

Capt. *Daniel Ayrault*,

Mr. *William Read*.



Providence ;

Mr. *William Smith*,

Col. *Christopher Harris*,

Daniel Fenckes, Esq;

Mr. *James Olney*.

P o r t s m o u t h ;

Mr. *Francis Brayton*,

Isaac Barker, Esq;
Mr. Giles Sloum,
Mr. John Shearman, jun.
 Warwick ;
Mr. Joseph Lippist,
Capt. Randal Rice,
Othniel Gorton, Esq;
 Westerly ;
Mr. Samuel Ward.
Capt. Joseph Stanton.
 Newshoreham ;
 None.
 North-Kingstown ;
Col. Immanuel Northup,
Samuel Albro, Esq;
 South-Kingstown ;
Jeremiah Niles, Esq;
 East-Greenwich ;
Joseph Nichols, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Casey.
 Jamestown ;
Capt. William Hazzard,
Mr. Edward Carr.
 Smithfield ;
Thomas Arnold, Esq;
Mr. Jeremiah Mowrey.
 Scituate ;
Job Randal, Esq;
Jeremiah Angel, Esq;
 Glocester ;
Richard Steere, Esq;
 Charlestown ;
Col. Christopher Champlin,

Gideon Hoxse, Esq;
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Preserved Hall, Esq;
Mr. Benjamin Gardner.
 Coventry ;
Mr. Isaac Greene.
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Capt. Thomas Church.
 Warren ;
Mr. Thomas Cole.
 Cumberland ;
Job Bartlet, Esq;
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
 Richmond ;
Samuel Test, Esq;
Capt. Peleg Thomas.
 Cranston ;
Jonathan Randal, Esq;
Matthew Manchester, Esq;
 Hopkinton ;
Maj. Joshua Clarke,
Mr. Hezekiah Collins.

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

AN ACT in Addition to an Act made and passed by this Assembly, at the Session begun and holden at *Newport* on the First Wednesday of *May* last, entituled, " An Act for impowering
 " his Honor the Governor, upon Demand being made by Ma-
 " jor General *Webb*, or the Commanding Officer for the Time
 " being, to raise and forthwith send One Hundred and Fifty
 " Men to his Assistance."

WHEREAS there is not a sufficient Provision made, in or by
 the Act aforesaid, for procuring the Money necessary to raise and
 equip the said One Hundred and Fifty Men, if demanded :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the
 Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the General Treas-
 urer be, and he hereby is directed and fully impowered to hire,

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on the best Terms he can, in Behalf of the Colony, the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, for a Term of Time not exceeding one Year, for the Purposes aforesaid ; *provided*, that the General Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to hire as much Silver Money as may be necessary to defray the Expences of marching the said One Hundred and Fifty Men from this Colony unto *Albany* ; and that the said Silver Money so to be hired, be included in, and make a Part of the aforesaid Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in order for repaying the Money to be hired as aforesaid, and the Interest arising upon the same, there be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, a Rate or Tax sufficient for the Purpose, to be levied, collected, and brought into the General Treasury, within Twelve Months from the Eleventh Day of this Instant *August*.

AND it is farther Enacted, That his Honor the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to issue his Warrants for the immediate Raising of the said One Hundred and Fifty Men.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Hezekiah Walker*, who was Lieutenant, be, and he hereby is chosen Captain of the Fourth Company or Trained Band, in the Town of *Scituate*, in the Room of *Capt. Timothy Hopkins* who refused, *Joseph Weatherhead* Lieutenant of the same Company, in the Room of the said *Hezekiah Walker* advanced as above, and *Robert Davis* Ensign, in the Room of the said *Joseph Weatherhead*.

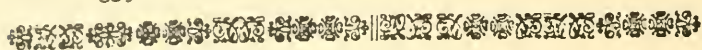
Both Houses being Resolved into a Grand Committee, the following Gentlemen were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their respective Names, to wit : *Henry Babcock*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*, in the Room of *John Weight*, Esq; who refused.

John Randal Captain of the Troop of Horse in the County of *Providence*, in the Room of *Daniel Tillinghast* who refused ; and the said *John Randal* refusing, *Benjamin Bowen* was chosen Captain in his Room, *John Fenner* First Lieutenant, *James Hoyle* Second Lieutenant, and *Joseph Nash* Cornet of the said Troop.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *George Gardner*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, be, and he hereby is appointed to take and have the Care of the Arms, Ammunition, and Stores, that belong unto the Colony, and are deposited in the Colony-House in *Newport* : And that *Simon Pease*, Esq; and *Capt. Daniel Ayrault*, jun. be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee to receive the same, and deliver them unto the above-named *George Gardner*, giving and taking a Receipt therefor.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Jabez Champlin* be. and he hereby is chosen Lieutenant
of

of the Fourth Company or Trained Band, in the Town of *Newport*, in the Stead of Mr. *Jonathan Thurston*, deceased, and *Timothy Ingraham* Ensign of the said Company, in the Room of Mr. *Nathaniel Coggeshall, jun.* who refused.



An ACT for raising One Sixth Part of the Militia in this Colony, to proceed immediately to *Albany*, to join the Forces which have marched to oppose the *French* near *Lake George*.

WHEREAS a Number of Men is demanded of this Colony by the Commanders of His Majesty's Forces near *Lake George*, for the Relief of *Fort William-Henry*, which is invested by a large Body of *French* and *Indians*.

In Compliance with the said Demands, and to the End that every Thing in the Power of this Colony may be done for the Preservation of the Country,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That One Sixth Part of the whole Militia of this Colony, be forthwith raised and sent to *Albany* with all possible Dispatch, to be under the Command of the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces near *Lake George*, and to continue in the Service as long as the immediate Preservation of the Country requires their Stay there, and no longer ; and the said Men shall be formed into a Regiment, and be commanded by one Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, one Major, and one of the Commission Officers of the respective Companies in this Colony.

AND for the more easy and expeditious raising the said Men, *Be* it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That his Honor the Governor forthwith issue his Warrants to the proper Officers, to call together all the Companies of Horse and Foot in this Colony, on or before Monday the fifteenth Day of this Instant *August*, at Twelve of the Clock on said Day, at one Place of Rendezvous, in each respective Town : And all the following Officers shall be included in the Lists out of which said Sixth Part is to be drawn, that is to say ; all Fence-viewers, Supervisors of Highways, Field-drivers, Pound-keepers, Constables, Wood-corders, Sealers of Weights and Measures, Inspectors of Wood-corders, Sealers of Leather, Viewers of Hoops, Staves, and Heading, and Gaugers, not otherwise excused by Law.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Names of all Persons in the List of each Company, shall be written on a Scroll of Paper, and rolled up, and then put into a Hat or Box, and one Sixth Part thereof shall be drawn (unless the Company agree, that the Commission Officers shall press said Sixth Part) and the Persons whose Names shall be so drawn or pressed,

pressed, shall go on this Service. *Provided Nevertheless*, That any Person drawn, who declines going, and shall immediately procure an able-bodied effective Man to go in his Room, shall be excused, but no Person shall be excused without. *Provided Also*, That no Person's Name be put into the Hat or Box, who thro' Sickneſs or Lameneſs cannot go, or who was out of the Government before the Meeting of this Aſſembly,

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Commiſſion Officers of each and every Company in this Colony, both Horſe and Foot, if they cannot agree among themſelves who ſhall go, ſhall determin the ſame by Lot, at the Time of drawing the Men; and the Officer or Officers ſo drawn, ſhall be obliged to go in the ſaid Regiment.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That any Field or other Commiſſion Officer, who ſhall neglect to do his Duty, either in calling the Companies together, or otherwiſe, ſhall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of One Thouſand Pounds, to and for the Uſe of the Town in which he reſides; to be levied by Diſtreſs of his Goods and Chattels, by the Sheriff or one of his Deputies, by a Warrant from the Governor, Deputy Governor, one of the Aſſiſtants or Judges of the Superior or Inferior Courts. And any Perſon, who being appointed by his Commiſſion Officers to warn in the Company, ſhall neglect to do his Duty, ſhall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds; which ſhall be recovered in Manner aboveſaid, by the Commiſſion Officers, and be by them paid into the Town Treafury, to and for the Uſe of the Town. And any Perſon being duly warned by Beat of Drum, or leaving Notice at his Place of Abode, ſix Hours before the Time of meeting, which ſhall be deemed ſufficient Warning, who ſhall not appear at the Time and Place to which he is warned, ſhall forfeit and pay as a Fine One Hundred Pounds; to be recovered in Manner aboveſaid, by the Commiſſion Officers, and paid into the Town Treafury, to and for the Uſe of the Town. And the ſeveral Town Treafurers are hereby authorized and fully impowered to ſue and recover of any Commiſſion Officer, any Fine which he ſhall neglect to levy and pay into the Town Treafury, which by this Act ought to be paid into the ſame.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Deputies of the ſeveral Towns be, and they are hereby impowered to procure at the Expence of the Colony, half a Pound of Gunpowder, twenty Bullets, ſix Flints, and ſeven Day's Proviſion, for each Soldier going upon the preſent Emergency; and they are farther impowered and directed to hire Horſes for the Men, and to procure Arms and all other Neceſſaries, in like Manner. And if the ſaid Arms, Horſes, or any other Neceſſaries cannot be procured but by an Impreſs, the Deputies are hereby fully impowered to preſs each and every Article which they ſhall have Occaſion for, to forward the ſaid Men, they taking and keeping an

exact Account of what they shall procure of any Man, that the same may be paid for by the Colony. *Provided*, that any Deputy who is a Captain, or who on any reasonable Account, cannot attend the above Service, may appoint some proper Person to do the same in his Stead ; and the said Person so appointed, is hereby requir'd and fully empower'd to perform the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person, altho' not belonging to the Militia, who shall go in this Service, shall, upon his Return, receive the same Pay or Reward which shall be given to those of the Militia who go.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That *John Andrews*, Esq; be Colonel, *Maj. Joseph Wanton*, jun Lieutenant Colonel, *Maj. Henry Babcock*, second Lieutenant Colonel, and *Mr. Stephen Potter*, Major of the Regiment.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Officer and Soldier, who has a Horse fit to carry him to *Albany*, shall make Use of his own Horse ; and those Persons that have none, shall be supplied with Horses by the Deputies, as above directed. And each Person, whose Horse goes in the present Service, shall be paid for the Use of the same. And in Case any Horse be lost, or any Way rendered unfit for Service, the Owner of such Horse or Horses, shall be paid by the Colony for the same : And for the End aforesaid, the Deputies of the several Towns are hereby directed to cause an Estimate of said Horses to be taken.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each and every Commission Officer, and Soldier, who has a Gun fit for Service, shall make Use of the same, and those who have none, shall be provided for. And each and every Officer and Soldier, shall take a Blanket with him, if he has any that can be spared from his Family ; if not, those who are deficient, shall be furnished in the Manner aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Officers and Men raised in the Counties of *Newport*, *Providence*, *Bristol*, and *Kent*, do rendezvous at *Providence* on Tuesday next, and march from that Place on the same Day, as fast as they arrive there. And those Officers and Men who are raised in the County of *Kings County*, are hereby directed to rendezvous at *Little-Redd-Hill*, in *South-Kingstown*, on the said Tuesday, and to march from the said Place, in Companies, as fast as they arrive there.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to hire the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, and Fifteen Hundred Dollars, for the Purposes aforesaid ; and he is also empowered to hire what Money may be necessary for the Support of the said Men, during their Continuance in the Service.

And

And the Committee of War is hereby authorized and fully empowered to act and transact all and every Thing or Things, necessary for carrying this Act into Execution, during the Recess of this General Assembly, with full Power to seize any Provisions, or other Stores, which may be necessary for the said Men.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons who go in this present Expedition, shall be properly rewarded by the Colony for their Services.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Officer and Soldier, that shall be drawn as aforesaid, and order'd to go, or who shall enlist, shall be, and hereby is acquitted and discharged from any Writs of Execution, and Writs of Arrest, until they return again; and their Bail, and the Sheriff, shall be acquitted for any Sum whatever.

AND be it further Enacted, That if there should be any farther Express or Expresses from ^{the} General Webb, demanding more Men, during the Recess of the General Assembly, that his Honor the Governor, with the Advice of his Council, if they think it necessary, give Orders for the raising and sending forward so many as they shall think proper, in the same Manner (and to be draughted out of the Militia) as those are in this Act: And that all Officers and Soldiers shall be subject to the Orders given by his Honor for that Purpose, as they are by this Act; and for their Neglect or Refusal, shall be subject to the same Fines and Penalties, as is above express'd in this Act.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Copies of this Act be immediately sent by Express to the first Deputy of the several Towns, and to each of the Colonels in this Colony.

“ **W**E dissent from the within Act, because the Method proposed for raising the Men, operates only upon a particular Part of the Government, when, in our Opinion, it ought to extend to the Whole, upon such an Emergency as the present.

*Joseph Wanton, jun.
William Bailey.”*

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War immediately send a Quantity of Gunpowder, Balls, and Flints, sufficient to furnish every Soldier, who by the Act made and passed at the present Session, is obliged to proceed to *Albany, &c.* that is to say, the said Gunpowder, Balls, and Flints, shall be sent unto the Counties of *Providence, Kings County, and Kent*: That the said Committee of War also procure a Quantity of Sea Bread sufficient to serve all and every of the said Officers and Soldiers seven Days, and send a small Vessel to *Albany*, laden with so much Provisions, and other Stores,

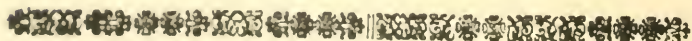
Stores, as they shall think necessary for the Troops of this Colony, that are ordered to march unto that Place.

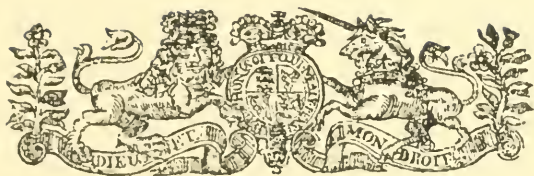
And it is further Voted and Resolved, That three or more Men, be appointed in each County of this Colony, save *Bristol*, which is to send but one, to take Care of the Horses the Officers and Soldiers shall ride : That the said Men be appointed by the Deputies of the several Counties, who shall return the Names of the Men whom they appoint, to the Colonel of the Regiment : That the Committee of War send a Doctor with the Regiment that shall be raised and sent to *Albany* : And that the said Committee of War procure and send one or more proper Person or Persons (unless one of said Committee shall go in Person) to proceed with the Forces, and pay off the Charges and Expences that shall arise in their March to *Albany* ; and that the said Committee of War be accountable for the Money they shall receive for that Purpose.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That an Act made and passed by this General Assembly, at their Session holden at *Newport* on the first Wednesday of *May* last, entituled, " An Act for impowering his Honor the Governor upon Demand being made by Major General *Webb*, or the Commanding Officer for the Time being, to raise, and forthwith send One Hundred and Fifty Men to his Assistance," and the Act made and passed at this present Session of Assembly, entituled, " An Act in Addition to an Act, made and passed by this Assembly at their Session begun and holden in *Newport* on the first Wednesday of *May* last, entituled, An Act for impowering his Honor the Governor, upon Demand being made by Major General *Webb*, or the Commanding Officer for the Time being, to raise, and forthwith send One Hundred and Fifty Men to his Assistance," be, and the said Acts are hereby annulled and repealed.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Assembly which stood adjourned unto the fourth Monday of this Instant *August*, be, and the same is hereby adjourned unto the third Monday of *September* next ; and that all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and hereby is referred unto the said Time.

G O D Save the K I N G.





At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, in *New-England*, in AMERICA ; begun and holden by Adjournment at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on Monday the Nineteenth of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the Thirty First Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of G O D, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

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NEWPORT;	}	Providence;
The Speaker,		Mr. William Smith,
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Mr. Gideon Wanton, jun.		Daniel Fenckes, Esq;
Lieut. Col. Joseph Wanton,		Mr. James Olney.
Capt. Daniel Ayrault,	}	Portsmouth;
Mr. William Read.		Mr. Francis Brayton,

Isaac Barker, Esq;
Mr. Giles Slocum,
Mr. John Shearman, jun.
 Warwick ;
Mr. Joseph Lippitt,
Capt. Randal Rice,
Othniel Gorton, Esq;
Capt. James Arnold, jun.
 Westerly ;
Mr. Samuel Ward,
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 Richmond ;
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 Cranston ;
Jonathan Randal, Esq;
Matthew Manchester, Esq;
 Hopkinton ;
Maj Joshua Clarke,
Mr. Hezekiah Collins.

Joshua Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,
 That *Thomas Arnold* and *Immanuel Northup*, Esqrs. *Mr. Benjamin Gardner*, and *Maj. Joshua Clarke*, be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee, to enquire what Quantities of Iron, and out of what Materials have been made in this Colony, from the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-nine, until the fifth Day of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, and make Report unto the General Assembly, at the Session to be holden at *South-Kingson*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the last Wednesday of *October* next, to the End that an Account thereof may be transmitted unto

unto the Right Honorable and Honorable the Lords of Trade and Plantations, in *Great-Britain*, agreeable to a Demand by their Lordships made, in a Letter dated the ninth Day of *June* last.

Whereas the General Assembly, at a Session begun and holden by Adjournment at *Newport*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on Monday the eighth of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five, made and passed "An Act for raising "Two Hundred Men to reinforce the *English* Army gone against "Crown-Point," and among other Things therein contained, the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; then "Governor of the Colony, was desired to correspond with the Governors of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *Connetticut*, and agree with them upon some Method of procuring constant Intelligence from the Army gone against *Crown-Point*." In Consequence of which recited Paragraph of the said Act, a Debt of Twenty-two Pounds Lawful Money of the said Province, is become due from this Colony, for paying a Courier, as appears by a Letter to the said Mr. *Hopkins*, dated the second Day of *April* last, from *John Osborne*, Esq; one of the Committee of War in the Province: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum aforesaid, be paid the said *John Osborne*, Esq; by the Committee of War in this Colony.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Jabez Bowen* and *Daniel Jenckes*, Esqrs. Capt. *Daniel Ayrault*, jun. and Mr. *Joseph Lippitt* be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee, to examin into the State of the General Treasury, in order to discover what the Colony is in Debt; what Charges have arisen on the Expeditions undertaken this Year; what Bills of Public Credit, emitted since the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four, to defray the Charges of the late Expeditions, are to be sunk, and when, and make Report unto this Assembly as soon as may be.

Whereas *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; the Colony's General Treasurer, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That by close Application, and the Assistance of five or six expert Hands, he hath delivered out the greatest Part of the Gold and Silver lodged in his Office, for exchanging of *Crown-Point* Bills; that in rend'ring this Service to the Public, he hath been in Danger of losing his Life, his House having been broke open, and he robbed to the Value of a considerable Sum in Plate, Linen, and other Goods, which he imagins was occasioned by its being publicly known, that he had the Custody of the Money given the Government by the King; that he was at great Care, Trouble, and Risque, in counting out the Gold and Silver, in receiving the Bills, and rend'ring a just Account of the whole; that the great Trouble in his House, which began soon after the Money was brought from *New-York*, by People's coming constantly to enquire when the Exchanging would begin, has continued ever since, and

is not at this Time quite over ; and that he was obliged, for carrying on the Business, to keep two Fires, and use many Candles, more than was customary in his House : Wherefore, he the said *Thomas Richardson*, prayed to be allowed a reasonable Reward for these his extraordinary Services.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Thomas Richardson shall and may pay himself, out of the General Treasury, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, as a Gratuity for his aforesaid Services.

Whereas there was a Committee appointed to receive and burn the *Crown-Point* Bills ; and the Gentlemen having performed that Service, presented this Assembly with what followeth.

“ *Newport, May 27. 1757.*

“ WE a Committee, appointed to receive and burn the *Crown-Point* Money paid into the General Treasury, do farther Report, That we have receiv'd of *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; General Treasurer, Eleven Thousand and Fifty-three Pounds and One Shilling, and have burnt the same.

£. 11053 1 0

<i>Thomas Cranston,</i>	}	Committee for that Purpose.
<i>Peter Bours,</i>		
<i>James Sheffield,</i>		

Unto which Report, the Committee subjoined the following Account.

“ *Colony,* *Dr...*

TO our Time and Trouble in receiving and burning the above Money, £. 9 0 0

Thomas Cranston,
Peter Bours,
James Sheffield."

And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted ; that the above Account be, and is hereby allowed, and that Nine Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours, and James Sheffield, out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in *North-America*, hath represented unto this Government, the Necessity of his being furnished with a Number of Rangers, to continue with him for and during the whole of the approaching Winter.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That Seventy Men, including Officers, of the Troops in the Pay of this Colony, and now in the Camp at or near Hudson's River, be retained there for the

the Purpose aforesaid, for a Term of Time not exceeding one Year from the Day of their Inlistment, and formed into a Company : That the Soldiers shall be drawn out by *Samuel Angel, Esq;* Chief Officer, and the five Captains of the said Troops, or the major Part of them ; but the said *Samuel Angel* alone shall have the Appointment of Officers to command the said Company ; for which Officers, his Honor the Governor is hereby requested to send Mr. *Angel* blank Commissions.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Officers and Soldiers of the said Company, shall be under the immediate Command of the Earl of Loudoun.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committee of War provide and send up a Sufficiency of Cloathing, necessary in the Winter Season, for the Troops, at the prime Cost, exclusive of one good Blanket, which shall be purchased immediately, sent up, and given to each Soldier gratis.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Officers and Soldiers to be retained as aforesaid, shall be allowed, at the Expiration of the Time limited by this Act, such additional Wages, as shall be by the General Assembly thought a Reward adequate to the Service they may be employed in, during the Time of their being retained as aforesaid, and in Proportion to the Hardships they shall undergo.

Whereas sundry Persons lately confined in His Majesty's Goals in this Colony, were taken out of the Custody of the several Sheriffs, to go in the last Expedition, but have not, since the same was over, returned unto the Places were they respectively stood committed :

B*E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the respective Sheriffs immediately apprehend all Persons that were taken out of their Custody as is aforesaid, and that they remain in the same State and Condition, in every Respect, as they were in before the Time of their being taken out of Custody as aforesaid : This being, and hereby is declared to be, the true Intent and Meaning of the Act made and passed for raising Soldiers to go in the said Expedition.*

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Nothing be allowed the Soldiers that were raised for the last Expedition, beside their Wages ; and that every Soldier that shall retain or keep back his Blanket, Knap sack, or any other Thing, which was provided for him by the Government, in the said Expedition, shall account unto the Government for the same, his Provisions only excepted.

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The Gentlemen who were appointed to audit the Accounts of such of the Committee of War as live in *Newport*, presented this Assembly with the following Account and Receipt.

“ Dr--- *The Colony of Rhode-Island with Jonathan Nichols, John Gardner, Thomas Cranston, and Peter Beurs, Members of the Committee of War, on Account of the second Expedition designed against Crown-Point.*

1756.	TO Christopher Champlin, jun. his Account for Cloathing,	£. 356	2	6
Mar. 23.				
April 5.	To Daniel Knowles's Account for Blankets,	71	10	0
12.	To Stephen Wanton, ditto Butter,	219	6	3
	To Richard Gibb, ditto Flour,	3175	9	0
13.	To Jeremiah Tallman, ditto Flour and Corn,	676	2	6
20.	To Joseph Wanton, ditto Molasses,	12274	10	0
27.	To Daniel Knowles, ditto Blankets:	52	0	0
	To James Leach, ditto Wages & Billeting,	161	0	0
28.	To Silas Gardner, ditto Pork and Beans,	4022	5	0
May 13.	To Joshua Amy, ditto Flour,	750	0	0
14.	To Daniel Goddard, ditto making Crafts,	194	11	0
21.	To William Hunter, ditto Medicines, Wages, &c.	1651	0	0
	To James Leach, ditto Wages,	62	6	6
	To George Gibbs, ditto baking Bread,	491	15	0
22.	To William Thurston, ditto Craft,	192	9	8
	To William Corey, ditto Cart Wheels,	73	3	0
	To John Hammet, ditto Soap,	296	0	0
31.	To Lyon and Taggart, ditto Bread Hogsheads,	318	10	0
	To Edward Lillibridge, ditto Ditto.	48	0	0
	To Preserved Fish, ditto Shoes,	180	0	0
	To Joseph Bailey, ditto Ditto,	108	0	0
	To Abraham Dennis, ditto Ditto,	81	0	0
June 8	To Valentine Vaughan, ditto baking Bread,	385	13	6
	To Samuel & Peter Mumford, ditto Shoes,	139	10	0
	To Edward Lillibridge, ditto Bread Hogsheads,	56	0	0
	To C. Anth. Wigner, ditto Medicines to Soldiers,	50	0	0
	To Robert Lillibridge, ditto Bread Hogsheads,	80	10	0
11.	To Elisha Tillinghast, ditto Transport-Hire,	300	0	0
	To Silas Gardner, ditto Ditto,	500	0	0
12.	To Beriah Brown, ditto Blankets,	288	0	0
	To Isaac Stelle, ditto baking Bread,	539	12	0
15.	To Thomas Atwood, ditto laying Platform,	32	16	4
16.	To William Paul, ditto Blankets,	370	19	0
	To Benjamin Sanford, ditto Shoes,	54	0	0
18.	To Joseph Burrill, ditto Camp Kettles, &c.	464	0	0
30.	To Henry Collins, ditto Beans,	54	5	0
	To Joseph Irfen, ditto Service, Horses, &c.	90	13	4
	To Benj. Wickham, ditto Pork,	90	0	0
	To William Thurston Gardner, ditto Month's Wages,	100	0	0

Carried forward,

£. 29050 19 7

1756.	Dr.---	The Amount brought forward,	£. 290	50	19 7
July 1.	To Hezekiah Sabin's Acct	for Transp. Hire, &c.	331	00	
2.	To William T. Gardner,	ditto 2d Months Wages,	100	00	
10.	To John Warrin,	ditto Supplies for Soldiers,	130	56	
	To Richard Mumford,	ditto Hay	112	00	
13.	To Silas Gardner,	ditto Transport-hire,	500	00	
17.	To Abijah Catting,	ditto Billeting in Connect.	34	13 4	
20.	To Nathaniel House,	ditto Ditto,	76	19 6	
Aug. 3.	To Joseph Martin, jun	ditto Hay,	401	05	
	To Heatly and Grant,	ditto Powder,	690	00	
	To Jacob Stockman,	ditto Shoes,	247	00	
	To James Hill,	ditto making Cloathing,	79	00	
16.	To Joseph Burril,	ditto Camp Kettles, &c.	255	00	
	To Robert Carr,	ditto Duck, &c.	1188	12 0	
	To Sarah Rumreil,	ditto Flannel,	61	8 1	
	To George Lawton,	ditto Board of Soldiers,	41	8 0	
	To Isaac Dayton,	ditto Shoes,	100	00	
	To Benjamin Sanford,	ditto Ditto,	120	00	
	To Joseph Bailey,	ditto Ditto,	69	15 0	
	To Jonathan Heath,	ditto Ditto,	89	15 0	
	To Abraham Dennis,	ditto Ditto,	105	00	
	To Preserved Fish,	ditto Ditto,	58	10 0	
	To Richards and Coddington,	ditto Passage of Soldiers,	35	00	
	To Nathaniel Coggeshall, jun.	ditto Bread Hogsheads,	36	00	
	To Samuel Brenton,	ditto Checks,	61	19 6	
	To William Pelsue,	ditto Service,	40	00	
	To Alice Gould,	ditto Flannel,	52	6 6	
	To Richard and Henry Ward,	ditto Flan! Stockings, &c.	296	19 0	
	To Caleb Gardner,	ditto Ditto, Ditto,	221	6 9	
	To Henry Coggeshall,	ditto making Tents,	58	10 0	
	To Weedon & Bennet,	ditto Flannel,	70	4 0	
18.	To John Rogers,	ditto Oars for Crafts,	14	1 4	
	To Thomas Bently,	ditto Small Arm,	19	00	
19.	To Benjamin Reynolds.	ditto making Cloathing,	57	00	
20.	To Gardner Thurston,	ditto Bread Hogsheads,	63	00	
	To Elijah Knapp,	ditto Wages,	32	00	
	To Samuel Mumford,	ditto Shoes,	160	00	
23.	To Rogers and Balch,	ditto making Cloathing,	53	5 0	
	To John Baggs,	ditto Hogsheads,	124	00	
27.	To Joshua Amy,	ditto Pork and Corn,	422	10 0	
	To Stephen Ayrault,	ditto Frying Pans, &c.	27	6 0	
30.	To Moses Levy,	ditto Cloathing,	588	8 9	
Sept. 3.	To Gideon Casey,	ditto Cheese,	231	5 0	
14.	To John Champlin,	ditto Small Arm,	20	00	
15.	To James Hill,	ditto making Cloathing,	47	4 0	
16.	To Henry Coggeshall,	ditto Tents,	27	10 0	
20.	To Benjamin Reynolds,	ditto Cloathing,	60	4 0	
	To Elizabeth Juard,	ditto John Lincom's Wages	100	00	

Carried forward, - £. 36761 6 3

1756.	Dr.---	The Amount brought forward,	£. 36761	6 3
Sept. 20.	To George Lawton's Account for sick Sold.	Board,	43	10 0
Oct. 10.	To Josiah Brown,	ditto Trucking,	39	15 0
19.	To Elnathan Hammond,	ditto Cloathing,	380	15 4
25.	To Temperance Grant,	ditto Ditto,	1370	13 4
26.	To John Davis,	ditto Passage of Sold.	118	0 0
	To Ebenezer Buel,	ditto Billeting in Conn ^t .	69	11 1
Nov. 10.	To Daniel Weeden,	ditto Cheese,	644	15 0
11.	To Peleg Rogers,	ditto Service,	64	0 0
13.	To James Hill,	ditto making Cloathing,	102	17 0
	To George Lawton,	ditto Board ^s a Frenchman,	38	12 0
	To Preserved Fish,	ditto Shoes,	300	0 0
	To Henry Sowle,	ditto making Cloaths,	623	6 6
	To C. Anthony Wignerom,	ditto doct'ring Soldiers,	92	10 0
	To Daniel Goddard,	ditto Work for Crafts,	31	10 0
	To Francis Skinner,	ditto Cartouch Boxes,	450	0 0
21.	To Ichabod Potter,	ditto riding Express,	19	13 4
23.	To Isaac Dayton,	ditto Shoes,	150	0 0
24.	To Greene Rogers,	ditto Ditto,	60	0 0
	To Jacob Hasey,	ditto Candles,	106	6 9
25.	To Jonathan Heath,	ditto Shoes,	186	0 0
	To Joshua Saunders,	ditto Cloathing,	289	11 6
	To James Rogers,	ditto Ditto,	306	9 7
	To James Hawden,	ditto Ditto,	52	0 0
	To Casey and Cozzens,	ditto Ditto,	42	8 6
26.	To Benjamin Sanford,	ditto Shoes,	60	0 0
27.	To Joseph Scott,	ditto Blankets,	256	10 0
	To Joseph Burrill,	ditto Camp-kettles, &c.	776	0 0
	To Benjamin Shearman,	ditto Tent Lines, &c.	40	10 0
	To John Hammiet,	ditto Soap,	121	6 0
	To Isaac Stelle,	ditto Bread,	137	0 0
30.	To Jacob Stockman,	ditto Shoes,	144	0 0
1757.	To Jacob Richardson,	ditto Ball, Flints, &c.	296	19 8
Jan. 3.	To William Richmond,	ditto Wages, &c.	183	0 0
24.	To John Hansen,	ditto Govern ^t Debt,	4800	0 0
Feb. 21.	To Gyles Ruffel,	ditto Wages,	100	0 0
	To John Hansen,	ditto Govern ^t Debt,	672	0 0
Mar. 3.	To John Brown,	ditto Pork,	300	0 0
	To Cash paid Officers and Soldiers, Wages,			
	Billeting, &c. as per Muster-Rolls and			
	Receipt Books,	- - -	28074	0 0
1756.	To Maj. Henry Babcock,	ditto Bount ^s Wags, &c.	2422	6 8
	To Capt. George Gardner,	ditto Bounties,	1250	0 0
	To Capt. Dan ^l Bosworth,	ditto Ditto,	1250	0 0
	To Capt. Eben ^t Whiting,	ditto Ditto, &c.	1353	16 11
	To Capt. John Whiting,	ditto Wages, &c.	720	0 0

Carried forward,

£. 85301 0 5

1756.	Dr.---	The Amount brought forward,	£. 85301	0	5
	To Capt. Joseph Belcher,	ditto Bounties,	1900	0	0
	To Capt. William Richmond,	ditto Ditto, &c.	390	0	0
	To Capt. Joseph Coggeshall,	ditto Ditto, &c.	1020	0	0
	To Lieut. August. Johnston,	ditto Ditto,	2400	0	0
	To William Gardner,	ditto Ditto,	540	0	0
	To John Taylor,	ditto Ditto,	960	0	0
	To Col. William Pendleton,	ditto Ditto,	3850	0	0
	To William Briggs,	ditto Ditto,	720	0	0
	To Benjamin Cornel,	ditto Ditto,	600	0	0
	To Joseph Reynold,	ditto Ditto,	700	0	0
	To Richard Durfey,	ditto Ditto,	420	0	0
	To Isaac Manchester,	ditto Ditto,	360	0	0
	To Samuel Slocum,	ditto Ditto,	280	0	0
	To William Blifs,	ditto Blankets,	70	0	0
1757.					
Aprils.	To Charles Wickham,	ditto Molasses,	1309	9	0
15.	To Henry Babcock,	ditto Adv ^d . the Govt.	550	0	0
22.	To Amos Putnam,	ditto doctering Sold.	183	6	8
	To Cash paid Wages, &c. as per Receipts,		4000	0	0
	To Thomas Cranston his Account for Wages, Bil- leting, &c. paid Soldiers before embarked, and Sundries procured for the Expedition, as per Muster-Rolls, and Receipts examined and auditted,	- - -	24083	7	3
	To Peter Bours, his Account for Wages, Bil- leting, &c. paid Soldiers before embarked, and Sundries procured for the Expedition, as per Muster-Rolls and Receipts examined and auditted,	- - -	10507	6	9
30.	To Col. Benjamin Wickham, ditto Wages,		110	0	0
May 2.	To Cash paid Wages, &c. as per Receipts,		500	0	0
3.	To Moses Levy, his Account for Duck, &c.		2467	4	0
26.	To Peleg Rogers,	ditto Attendance, &c.	84	2	0
	To William Hunter,	ditto Wages,	973	6	8
	To George Gardner,	ditto Ditto,	366	17	6
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			£. 144646	0	3

1757. *Creditor.*

BY our Orders drawn on the General
Treasurer, in Favour of the Persons
whose Names are set down in the afore-
going Account, and Cash received, as
per Receipts given, - -

£. 144646 0 3

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the
Hon. General Assembly, to audit the Accounts of the
Committee of War, do make Report, That we have carefully
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examined the Accounts exhibited to us by *John Gardner, Thomas Cranston, and Peter Bours, Esqrs.* Members of the said Committee, and find them well vouched, and that the above and aforegoing Account, amounting to One Hundred and Forty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-six Pounds and Three Pence Half-penny, are what we have auditted.

Newport, June 4. 1757.

John Tillinghast, } Committee."
James Sheffield, {

“THIS certifies, that each, and the several Sums of Money charged by the Committee of War in the above and aforegoing Accounts, agree with a List of the same Sums paid by *Thomas Richardson, Esq;* General Treasurer of the Colony, by Order of said Committee of War, and attested by him, as extracted from his Books..

Daniel Coggeshall, } Committee."
Joseph Lippitt, {

Unto which Report, the Committee subjoined the following Account.

“ *The Colony,* - Dr---

TO our Time and Trouble in auditting the above Accounts.

£. 15 0 0

Newport, June 4. 1757.

John Tillinghast,
James Sheffield.”

And this Assembly having taken the Premisses into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that the above Account be, and is hereby allowed, and that Fifteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Tillinghast* and *James Sheffield* out of the General Treasury.

THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Deputies of the several Towns in this Colony, make strict Enquiry after all the Arms, Accoutrements, and Ammunition, that the Soldiers raised for the last Expedition, were furnished with, and see the same returned unto the Committee of War.

Whereas *David Wilkinson, Esq;* whilst Sheriff of the County of *Providence,* was directed, and fully empowered by an Act of the General Assembly, made and passed at the Session begun and holden in *South-Kingstown,* within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the last Wednesday of *October,* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five, to dispose of, and sell unto the best Advantage of the Colony, the whole Estate which *Samuel Bartslet, Esq;* lately deceas'd, had in his Life, and before that Time forfeited to the Government, the Personal Estate as soon as conveniently might be, and the Real before or upon the last Day of *March* thence next ensuing. And whereas, it hath been made to appear, that some Part of the

the Real Estate of the said *Samuel Bartlet*, forfeited as aforesaid, remains unsold at this Day :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That Allen Brown, Esq; the present Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, be, and he hereby is directed and fully impowered to dispose of, and sell for the Colony's Use, all the Real Estate of the said *Samuel Bartlet*, that was forfeited as aforesaid, and yet remains unsold ; and that a Deed or Deeds by the said *Allen Brown* given thereof, shall vest in the Purchaser or Purchasers, as full, large, and ample Estate of Inheritance, as he the said *Samuel Bartlet* had in his Power to have made, given, or granted, at any Time before he had forfeited the same.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to hire Gold and Silver for one Year, at the Rate of *Six per Cent.* and pay off, as they become due, all the Notes that he hath given in Exchange for *Crown-Point Bills*, that is to say, unto such Persons as shall demand the same : And all those who are willing to let their Notes lie for one Year, shall be allowed Interest at and after the Rate of *Six per Cent.* And that the General Treasurer pay all *Crown-Point Bills* which shall be hereafter brought unto him, with the Gold or Silver that he shall hire in Pursuance of this Act.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Edmunds* and *Jeremiah Whipple*, Esqrs. be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee, to repair, at the Colony's Charge, the Bridge that was built by a Lottery, between the Towns of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That all French Prisoners now in this Colony, and all such as may be hereafter brought into the same, shall be sent off in Flags of Truce.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Gentlemen whose Names immediately follow, be, and they hereby are chosen and appointed Committees, for examining every Flag of Truce that shall be fitted out at the Ports hereafter mentioned, that is to say ; *Simon Pease*, Esq; and *Mr. William Read*, for *Newport* ; *Daniel Fenckes*, Esq; and *Mr. Elisha Brown*, for *Providence* ; and *Joseph Russel* and *Nathaniel Munro*, Esqrs. for *Bristol* ; and also to see that no Goods be put on Board contrary to Law.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Masters and Owners of all and every Flag and Flags of Truce,
that

that may proceed out of this Colony, shall give Bond in the Secretary's Office, unto the King, in the penal Sum of One Thousand Pounds, Sterling Money of *Great-Britain*, that no Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, of any Sort, have been, or shall be laden, put, or taken on Board any of his or their Flag or Flags of Truce, contrary to Law, before, at, or after such Inspection and Examination.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to prosecute all those who were appointed to take the Value of the Rateable Estates in the Towns of *Coventry* and *Bristol*, for not making Returns unto the General Assembly according to Law; and also to prosecute the Persons appointed to take the Value of the Rateable Estates in the Town of *Cranston*, for not making Return unto the Town Clerk, as they were required by Law.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; his Honor the Deputy Governor, *Daniel Jenckes*, *Thomas Cranston*, and *Peter Bours*, Esqrs. be, and they hereby are constituted a Committee, to make Enquiry what is due from the Crown unto this Colony, for Provisions delivered at *Albany*, for billeting Soldiers, &c. and make Report unto the General Assembly at the next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That *Obadiah Brown* and *George Brown*, Esqrs. Mr. *Joseph Lippitt*, and *Samuel Chace*, Esq; be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; as he is a Member of the Committee of War, and make a Report upon the same, unto the General Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of War provide and send Transports to *Albany*, sufficient to bring Home all the Troops of this Colony, that are to return; and that the Committee above-mentioned, give Orders for bringing Home all the Arms, Accoutrements, Stores, and every other Thing that will not be of Use, either at *Albany* or in the Camp.

Whereas *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for dicting a Number of the Subjects of the *French King*, who were taken and brought into this Colony as Prisoners of War: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Four Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas Mr. *William Coddington*, Vendue-Master of the Town of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That all Vendue-Masters within the Colony, have, by the Laws thereof, always had, since the Appointment of such Officers, the sole Right of selling Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, at Public Auction, except of such Things as the Sheriffs have seized by Execution, until an Act was made and passed by the General Assembly, at the Session begun and holden at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the last Monday of *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, when and where an Act was made and passed, " That the Marshal of the " Court of Vice-Admiralty, within this Colony, shall have the same " Power and Authority to sell Goods and Merchandizes at Public " Vendue, in Consequence of Orders and Decrees of the said Court, " as Sheriffs have upon Executions : " That under the Pretext of the said Law, the Deputy Marshal of the said Court of Vice-Admiralty, hath sold and disposed of sundry Goods, Wares, Merchandizes and Effects, in the Town of *Newport* ; which the said *William Coddington* apprehends to be an Imposition, not only upon him, but all the other Vendue-Masters in the Colony, and the more especially, as the present Marshal of the said Court of Vice-Admiralty, is an Inhabitant of *Boston*, in the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* ; so that the Act aforesaid, deprives the Officers of this Colony of their just Rights, and enricheth, at least, one Inhabitant of another Government : Wherefore the said *William Coddington* prayed, that the Act aforesaid may be repealed.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the Act aforesaid, and every Clause and Article thereof, be, and hereby are repealed, and made null and void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Whereas *Peleg Rogers*, *Richard Wilson*, and *Greene Rogers*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for taking Care of the Colony-House in *Newport*, sweeping and keeping the same clean the last Year ; for Brooms, Wood, and other Necessaries, by them furnished for the Use of the Members of the General Assembly : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Thirty-eight Pounds Four Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peleg Rogers*, *Richard Wilson*, and *Greene Rogers*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the Hon. *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; late Deputy Governor of this Colony, *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; and the Secretary, at the Session of the General Assembly begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the second Monday of

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Jane, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-five, were "constituted a Committee, to represent this Colony, and directed and fully empowered to demand, sue for, and take into Possession, the Colony's Part of the *French* Schooner and her Cargo, then lately forfeited, and by the Court of Vice-Admiralty in this Colony, condemned; and also the Colony's Part of all and every other Vessel or Vessels, Cargo or Cargoes, that might thereafter be forfeited;" since which, the said *Jonathan Nichols* hath died: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Simon Pease*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed a Committee-man for the Purposes aforesaid, in the Room and Stead of the said *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; and they, the said *Simon Pease*, *Daniel Jenckes*, and the Secretary, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized and fully empowered to act in the Premises.

Whereas *Andrew Burnett*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for dieting a Number of the Subjects of the *French* King, who were taken and brought into this Colony as Prisoners of War: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Ninety Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Andrew Burnett* out of the General Treasury.

An ACT in Addition to an Act made and passed by the General Assembly, at the Session begun and holden in *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the twenty-seventh Day of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-six, entituled, "An Act directing the Method of receiving Petitions into, and acting thereon, by the General Assembly."

WHEREAS it hath often happened, that Persons pretending to be aggrieved and injured in the Tryals of their Causes at the Courts of Law in this Colony, have petitioned the General Assembly, and obtained new Tryals, often Times by Reason that some of the Adverse Party's Relations were upon the Jury, at other Times, that they have discovered fresh Evidence, and so forth. And whereas, the Granting of such Petitions, as the Law now stands, subjects the Party petitioned against, to pay Costs, even altho' upon such a new Tryal having been had, the former Judgments have been affirmed; which is a manifest Injury, and unjust Grievance.

For Remedy whereof in Time to come,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, so often as any new Tryal shall be by the General Assembly awarded to any Person or Persons, the Party obtaining such new Tryal, shall be obliged to pay all lawful Costs and Damages,

mages, that he, she, or they have put his, her, or their Antagonists unto, in defending against such a Petition, unless he, she, or they shall, by a new Tryal, obtain some Alteration of the former Judgment, either in the Whole, or in Part ; and in such Case, the said Costs and Damages shall be made Part of the Bill of Costs that shall be recovered by the Party or Parties obtaining a Confirmation of the former Judgment.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to build a private Vessel of War for protecting the Trade of the Colony, do, as soon as the same shall be launched, cause her to be paid over with Turpentine, and hauled in to some proper Wharff or Dock ; and that the Rigging, Sails, and other Stores provided for her, be properly taken Care of, till farther Orders from the General Assembly.

Whereas *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders made and passed by the General Assembly, at their Session begun and holden at *Providence* on Monday the fourteenth of *March* last, and furnishing Paper for the said Service : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Eighty Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

And whereas, the said *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, a second Account by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders made and passed by the General Assembly, at their Sessions begun and holden at *Newport* in *May* and *June* last ; for printing an Act for proportioning a Rate of One Hundred Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, and an Act for raising the Sixth Part of the Militia in this Colony, and furnishing Paper for those Services : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Forty-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Clarke, jun.* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire, and Expences, in two Journies by him made to *Providence* in the Service of the Public : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Forty-three Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid him the said *John Clarke, jun.* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas an Account charged by his Honor the Deputy Governor, against the Gentlemen appointed to repair Fort *George* upon

upon *Goat-Island*, within the Township of *Newport*, was exhibited unto this Assembly : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and is hereby allowed, and that the Ballance thereof, being Four Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds Twelve Shillings and Six Pence, be paid his Honor out of the General Treasury.

AN ACT for supplying the General Treasury with the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, by a Rate or Tax to be assessed and levied upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, and paid in before or on the last Day of *January* next.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That a Rate or Tax of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, and levied, collected, and brought into the General Treasury, before or upon the last Day of *January* next.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate or Tax be, and the same is hereby proportioned upon the several Towns within this Colony, in the following Manner, that is to say :

The Town of <i>Newport</i> shall pay	£. 30000	0	0	The Town of <i>Providence</i> shall pay	£. 11367	0	0
<i>Portsmouth</i> ,	6744	3	3	<i>Smithfield</i> ,	8655	0	0
<i>Newshobam</i> ,	3175	0	1	<i>Scituate</i> ,	3840	0	0
<i>Jamestown</i> ,	3379	8	3	<i>Glocester</i> ,	3825	0	0
<i>Middletown</i> ,	4615	5	9	<i>Cumberland</i> ,	2502	0	0
<i>Tiverton</i> ,	4956	17	8	<i>Cranston</i> ,	5811	0	0
<i>Little-Compton</i> ,	4879	5	0				
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	£. 57750	0	0				
The Town of <i>Westerly</i> shall pay	£. 3792	0	0	The Town of <i>Bristol</i> shall pay	£. 3900	0	0
<i>Norib-Kingstown</i> ,	6825	0	0	<i>Warren</i> ,	3600	0	0
<i>Soutb-Kingstown</i> ,	11006	5	0				£. 7500 0
<i>Charlestown</i> ,	2625	0	0				
<i>Exeter</i> ,	3337	10	0	The Town of <i>Warwick</i> shall pay	£. 6940	10	0
<i>Richmond</i> ,	2287	10	0	<i>East-Greenwich</i> ,	3871	10	0
<i>Hopkinton</i> ,	3126	15	0	<i>West-Greenwich</i> ,	2469	0	0
				<i>Coventry</i> ,	2469	0	0
	£. 33000	0	0				£. 15750 0

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall, upon their assessing or apportioning the aforesaid Rate or Tax, return a true Bill or List of the

the same, unto the Clerk of the Town unto which they respectively belong, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly : And the said Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a Copy thereof unto the General Treasurer in four Days, who, upon Receipt of the same, shall issue his Warrants in four Days unto the several Collectors of Rates or Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the King's Name, to collect, levy, and pay unto the General Treasurer, for the Time being, the several Sums unto them respectively committed to collect.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall arise in or upon the Assessing, Levying, and Collecting its Part of the aforesaid Rate or Tax.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll Money in assessing this Rate, shall be Six Pence per Thousand Pounds, and no more.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall, in assessing this Rate, assess the same upon the Inhabitants of the several Towns, agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly, made and passed at a Session of the General Assembly, begun and holden at Providence, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on Tuesday the first of February last, entituled, " An Act for taking a true Account of the Value of all " Rateable Estates, and the Number of all Rateable Polls within " this Colony."

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall have Two Pence upon the Pound for assessing this Rate, and no more. And the respective Collectors of the Rate aforesaid, are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting the same ; and as soon as they have collected any considerable Sum of Money, to pay the same unto the General Treasurer, so that the whole Sums be paid into the General Treasury by the Time in this Act limited : And the Secretary is hereby directed to send a Copy of this Act to every Town Clerk in the Colony, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by the said Town Clerk immediately delivered unto the Assessors or Ratemakers of his Town.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where there is any unimproved Land in any Town within this Colony, the Owner or Owners whereof live out of the same, the Rate or Tax assessed thereon, shall be levied by the Sale of so much of the said unimproved Lands as will pay the said Rate or Tax, and all Costs and Charges, after Public Notice hath been given in the Boston Prints twenty Days, if the Owner or Owners appear not to pay the said Rate or Tax so assessed upon his, her, or

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their Land ; and a Deed or Deeds of such Lands shall vest in the Buyer or Buyers, as full, large, and ample Estate of Inheritance, as the Proprietor or Proprietors had in his, her, or their Power to grant.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session : That the Secretary publish, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of Newport; all the Acts and Orders by the General Assembly made and passed at this and their last Session, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within forty, send Copies of the same, according to Law, unto every Town in the Colony ; and that this Assembly be adjourned to the fourth Monday of October next, if called by his Honor the Governor, or his Honor the Deputy Governor ; but if not called before nor at the said Time, then this Assembly shall be Dissolved.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in AMERICA*; begun and holden at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the said Colony, on the last Wednesday of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, and in the Thirty First Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of G O D, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Gov.

JAMES HONYMAN, Esq;	} Affiliants.	JOSEPH EDMUNDS, Esq;	} Affiliants.
NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq;		NATHANIEL SEARLE, Esq;	
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JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
DAVID ANTHONY, Esq;		The SECRETARY.	

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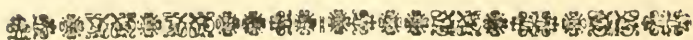
NEWPORT;	}	Providence;
Lieut. Col. <i>Benj. Wickham</i> ,		Hon. <i>Stephen Hopkins</i> , Esq;
<i>Edward Scott</i> , Esq;	}	<i>Mr. Elisha Brown</i> ,
<i>Peter Bours</i> , Esq;		<i>Daniel Fenckes</i> , Esq;
Lieut. Col. <i>Joseph Wanton</i> ,	}	Col. <i>John Andrews</i> .
Capt. <i>Daniel Ayrault</i> ,		Portsmouth;
<i>Mr. William Read</i> .	}	<i>Mr. Walter Cornel</i> ,

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 Warwick ;
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 Capt. *James Arnold*, jun.
John Warner, jun. Esq;
Mr. Elisba Brown.
 Westerly ;
Mr. Samuel Ward,
 Capt. *Joseph Stanton*.
 Newshoreham ;
 None.
 North-Kingstown ;
Mr. Ebenezer Brown,
James Gardner, Esq;
 South-Kingstown ;
Jeremiah Niles, Esq;
Mr. Stephen Hazzard, jun.
 East-Greenwich ;
 Maj. *John Arnold*,
Thomas Aldrich, Esq;
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 Capt. *William Hazzard*,
Mr. Edward Carr.
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Charles Harris, Esq;
John Fisk, Esq;
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 Capt. *Timothy Wilmoth*,
Mr. Benjamin Smith.
 Charlestown ;
 Capt. *Robert Potter*,
Mr. Joseph Hoxsie.

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Mr. Christopher Hall.
 Coventry ;
 Capt. *Abel Potter*,
 Capt. *Richard Rice*.
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Mr. William Bailey,
Joshua Coggeshall, jun. Esq;
 Bristol ;
Mr. William Pearce.
 Tiverton ;
Samuel Durfee, Esq;
Mr. John Bowen,
 Little-Compton ;
William Hall, Esq;
Mr. Constant Southworth.
 Warren ;
Mr. Thomas Cole,
John Adams, Esq;
 Cumberland ;
Job Bartlet, Esq;
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;
 Richmond ;
John Webster, Esq;
 Capt. *Nicholas Larkin*.
 Cranston ;
Jonathan Randal, Esq;
Matthew Manchester, Esq;
 Hopkinton ;
Benjamin Randal, Esq;
 Capt. *John McCoon*.

PETER BOURS, Esq; was chosen Speaker : And

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.



BE it Enabled by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enabled, That the Officers and Soldiers raised for the last Expedition, who went no farther than *Connecticut*, be, and they hereby are allowed, and shall be paid out of the General Treasury, the following Wages for ten Days, that is to say ; the Colonel Ten Pounds *per* Day, the Lieutenant-Colonels Nine Pounds *per* Day, the Major Eight Pounds *per* Day, the Captains Seven Pounds *per* Day, the Lieutenants Six Pounds *per* Day, the Cornets and Ensigns Five Pounds *per* Day, and the common Soldiers Three Pounds *per* Day.

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AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons employed to take Care of the Horses, be allowed and paid as aforesaid, Three Pounds per Day, for so long a Time as they were in the Service ; the Owners of the Horses, Thirty Shillings per Day for ten Days; first deducting what is charged to the Colony for shoeing each respective Horse that was shod.

AND be it farther Enacted, That the Deputies of the several Towns, who assisted in getting away the Troops, shall be allowed Three Pounds each per Day for three Days, to be paid by the respective Towns.

WE the Subscribers, beg Leave to protest against the within Act, for that it is unequal to pay the Deputies all alike for their Services ; for that the Deputies of some Towns did more than six Times the Service than they did in other Towns. And that it is a great Discouragement to a Town, when they have been industrious to raise Men, and the Expence all to be paid by their own Town ; and it would be more equal to pay it by the Government.

“ Thomas Arnold,

“ Jeremiah Whipple.”

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That Thirty Men be added to the Seventy Rangers ordered by the last Assembly to be drawn out of the Troops now in Camp, and continued there : And that the said Thirty Men be drawn out in the same Manner, and continue the same Time, upon the same Footing, with the aforesaid Seventy. And that the Committee of War send Cloathing and Blankets for the said Thirty Men, as they have already done for the Seventy.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. Stephen Hopkins, Esq; the Speaker of the Lower House, Thomas Cranston, John Tillinghast, and James Sheffield, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Grand Committee and General Treasurer, and burn the Bills in the Grand Committee's Office, that have been paid in for Tenths, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Jabez Bowen, Esq; Messrs. Elisha Brown, Nickolas Brown, and Nicholas Tillinghast, be, and they, or any Two of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Committee that was appointed to build a Vessel for the Colony's Service, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That Four Thousand Pounds of the Bills of Public Credit, called Lawful Money, which were emitted by the

the General Assembly, at a Session begun and holden at *South-Kingsdown*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the last Monday of *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, which said Sum is yet outstanding, be called in and sunk by a Rate or Tax, to be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, and levied, collected, and brought into the General Treasury, before or upon the last Day of *February* next; and that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Act accordingly.

An A C T for augmenting the Salary of the General Treasurer in Time to come.

WHEREAS Thomas Richardson, Esq; the present General Treasurer, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he has found by Experience, the Allowance made him of Two Hundred Pounds per Annum, is far short of an adequate Reward for his Services, and the many Risques that necessarily attend the said Office: That the annual Salary of the General Treasurer was stated at Two Hundred Pounds, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-one, when Money was at more than four Times of its present Value, and consequently would purchase most of the Necessaries of Life, at that Proportion: That the Colony hath been since greatly enlarged, by the Addition of several Towns, that then were under the Jurisdiction of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay; by Means whereof, the Labor and Trouble of the said Office have been proportionably encreased, and so forth.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the Salary of the General Treasurer of this Colony, for the Time being, be, and the same is hereby augmented to the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds per Annum.

Whereas Messrs. John Barton, John Clarke, and Nathaniel Williams, all of Cranston, in the County of Providence, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly. That they being, by an Act made and passed at a Session of the General Assembly, begun and holden at Providence, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on Tuesday the first of *February* last, appointed to take a true Account of the Value of all Rateable Estates, and the Number of all Rateable Polls in the Town of Cranston aforesaid, pursued that Service according to their Understanding of the Act aforesaid: But that at the Adjournment of the said General Assembly, on the fourteenth Day of *March* following, the said Act was explained, and another Method pointed out for doing the aforesaid Business: Whereupon they, the Petitioners, waited for a Copy of the said explanatory Act, but could not obtain one until the twenty-eighth Day of *May*, by Reason the same had not been lodged in the Town Clerk's Office; which rendered their Time so short, that they could

could not fully compleat the said Business according to the Act aforesaid, by Reason the Return was ordered to be made at the Session holden at *Newport* in *June* following ; nevertheless, they got the Valuation of said Town of *Cranston* as near as they could, considering the difficult Circumstances that attended the Affair, but not soon enough to make out a Copy of their Proceedings, and lodge the same in the Town Clerk's Office : That after the Rising of the General Assembly, unto which some Returns were made, the Petitioners being credibly informed that the said Assembly made no Use of the said Returns, in proportioning the Rate unto the several Towns in the Colony, proceeded no farther in the Business assigned them, until of late, when they compleated the same, and lodged their Proceedings with the Town Clerk : And now understanding the General Assembly had ordered the Treasurer of the Colony to prosecute the Petitioners, in order to recover the Forfeiture they had subjected themselves to, by not exactly conforming to the Act aforesaid, which they humbly prayed might not be done, *as they had no Design of wilful Disobedience*, and have actually deposited with the Town Clerk, a Copy of all their Proceedings, in " taking a true Account of the Value " of all Rateable Estates, and the Number of all Rateable Polls," in the said Town of *Cranston*. And this Assembly having enquired into the Premisses, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said *John Burton, John Clarke,* and *Nathaniel Williams*, in their aforesaid Petition made, be, and the same is hereby granted.

Whereas *Caleb Greene, Stephen Potter, and John Bucklin*, all of *Coventry*, in the County of *Kent*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That by an Act made and passed at a Session of the General Assembly, begun and holden at *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on Tuesday the first of *February* last, they were appointed " to take a true Account of the " Value of all Rateable Estates, and the Number of all Rateable " Polls, within" the Town of *Coventry* aforesaid, and present the same, as the said Act of Assembly required : That immediately upon receiving the said Act, they proceeded to the Business in the most direct Manner they were capable of ; but such were the Circumstances of their Town, that great Part of the unimproved Lands was owned by Persons living elsewhere, very few of whom rendered any Account ; by Means whereof, they were unable to put an Estimate upon the unimproved Lands, and make Return as the Act aforesaid directed : That the Task being so great, and the Session of the General Assembly, by Adjournment, nigh, they were not prepared to make their Return unto the General Assembly holden by Adjournment at *Newport*, on the thirteenth Day of *June* following : That afterwards, being informed by several Members of the General Assembly, that a farther Time was granted for Returns to be made, to wit, at *August* Session, they,

the Petitioners, fully intended to have compleated the Business committed to them, but the General Assembly being called before the said Time, and when met, referred the Business of *August* to *September*, so that the Petitioners could not then be ready to make their Return, but at the Session last mentioned, they actually made it, which they were inform'd was receiv'd, and also that they were subjected to a severe Penalty; but nevertheless, as the Government have suffered nothing by the Return being made so late, and the Delays aforesaid were occasioned by unavoidable Necessities, they humbly prayed to have their Fines remitted, and so forth. And this Assembly having duly enquired into the Premisses, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said *Caleb Greene, Stephen Potter, and John Bucklin*, in their aforesaid Petition made, be, and the same is hereby granted.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. *Daniel Ayrault*, jun. and Lieut. Col. *Joseph Wanton*, jun. be, and they hereby are appointed a Committee, to audit Capt. *William Mumford's* Account of Charges of repairing the Colony-House in *Newport*, and make Report as soon as conveniently may be. And the said Capt. *Mumford* is directed to sell so much of the Lead that was taken off from the Top of the said House, as will be sufficient to pay him his Account, when auditted.

Whereas *George Brown*, Esq; Messrs. *John Cole*, and *Nicholas Brown*, were by the General Assembly, at the Session begun and holden at *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on Tuesday the first of *February* last, appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of Capt. *Joseph Olney*, and all other Accounts of Charges relating to the Soldiers of *Shirley's* and *Pepperill's* Regiments, who had some Time before passed thro' the Town of *Providence*: And the Gentlemen having assumed the Province to assignd them, presented this Assembly with what follows.

“ *Providence, December 15. 1756.*

To entertaining about Two Hundred of *Pepperill's* and *Shirley's* Soldiers about three Nights and three Days.

TO Hay for their Beds,	-	-	-	-	£ 20	0
To Fire-wood,	-	-	-	-	36	0
To Candles,	-	-	-	-	10	
To the Trouble of my House,	-	-	-	-	3	10
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					£. 60	0

To five sick Soldiers, two Women and two Children's Board from Dec. 15 to 29, in Victuals, Drink, and Rum,	144	0
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Errors excepted per me Joseph Olney."

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Upon which Account, was endorsed the following Report, to wit :

“ WE the Subscribers, are of Opinion, that One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of the within Account ought to be paid.

Witness our Hands,

£. 150

G. Brown,
John Cole,
Nich. Brown.”

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted, and that the above-mentioned One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, be paid the aforesaid *Joseph Olney* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the Gentlemen that were appointed to audit the Accounts of *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; as a Member of the Committee of War, having undertaken the Business to them committed, presented the following Report. “ *Providence, October 22d, 1757.*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly to settle the Accounts of *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; one of the Committee of War, do find the Sum of Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eleven Pence, Old-Tenor, of *Daniel Jenckes's* Account, to be just and right, with proper Vouchers produced for that Sum, without any Commissions being charged from the first Day of *July, 1757*, to this twenty-second Day of *October, 1757*.

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O. Brown,
Jof. Lippitt,
Sam^l Chace.

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

Whereas the Gentlemen that were appointed to audit another Account of *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; as a Member of the Committee of War, having undertaken and performed that Service, presented the following Report.

“ *Providence, October 22d, 1757.* WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly to settle the Account of *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; one of the Committee of War, do find, that he ought to be credited for Fourteen Hundred Mill'd Dollars, that he receiv'd by the Hand of *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; having produced proper Vouchers for that Sum, with his Commissions charged at *One and a Half per Cent*.

1400 Mill'd Dollars.

O. Brown,
Jof. Lippitt,
Sam^l Chace.”

And

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That* the same be, and hereby is accepted.

An ACT for the more easy and speedy Payment of the Charges of the late Expedition.

*W*HEREAS there is an Act of this Government, for raising One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, by a Rate or Tax, to be assessed and levied upon the Inhabitants. And whereas, sundry Persons have Money due to them from the Colony, on Account of their Services, Provisions, and other Necessaries, done and provided for the Militia lately raised, who by having Orders for their Money on the General Treasurer, may more easily pay their Parts of the above-mentioned Rate or Tax.

*B*E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the Gentlemen who were Deputies when the Sixth Part of the Militia was lately raised, do collect all Accounts of Charges brought against the Colony, for the Soldiers raised in their several Towns, and marching through them, or any other Towns in this Colony, and carefully examine the same, and give each and every Person an Order on the General Treasurer, for the Sum or Sums which shall appear to be due to him, her, or them. And the several Collectors of the abovesaid Rate or Tax, are hereby directed and required to receive such Orders, so drawn and signed by the first Deputy of each Town, or if he be dead or absent, by the next Deputy, as Part of said Rate or Tax; and the General Treasurer is also directed to receive the same of the Collectors accordingly. *Provided always,* that each and every Person, who went either as an Officer or Soldier, or to bring Home the Horses, shall have an Order for no more than the Sum allowed by the Act of this Assembly. And if any Officer or Soldier hath taken up any Cloathing on the Colony's Account, the same shall be deducted out of his Wages before the Order is drawn. And if any Officer or Soldier has neglected, or shall neglect to return the Blankets, or any other Stores or Accoutrements belonging to the Colony, the same shall be deducted out of his Wages, and he shall have an Order on the Treasurer for the Remainder, and no more. And the Expence of shoeing the Horses, shall be deducted out of the Horthire; and the Person or Persons who furnished the Horse or Horses, shall have an Order for the Remainder, and no more.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all those Persons who furnished the Provisions, shall be allowed in the following Manner, to wit; Six Shillings and Six Pence for every Pound of Pork, Six Shillings for every Pound of Cheese,
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Six Shillings for every Pound of dry'd Beef, and Eight Shillings for every Pound of Gammon. And as the Deputies of the several Towns are paid for fitting said Men away, no other Person shall be allowed any Thing for pressing Horses, Guns, Blankets, or any other Necessaries.

AND it is farther Enacted by the same Authority, That if any Officer or Soldier has taken up more upon the Colony's Account, than his Wages amount to, that he shall pay the same to the Person who was first Deputy of the Town at the Time of raising the Men; and if he be dead or absent, to the next Deputy: And if any Person shall neglect or refuse to pay the same, said Deputy is hereby authorized and fully impowered to sue for and recover the same.

WHEREAS a Number of the Merchants, and Others, of the Town of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, a Memorial, and remonstrated, That the Merchants of this Colony have become large Adventurers in private Ships of War, fitted out at a great Expence, for annoying the common Enemy: That whatsoever is taken and brought in by such private Ships of War, cannot lawfully come into the Hands of the Owners and Companies of them, until it be first adjudged and condemned by a proper Court of Vice-Admiralty: That there is no Judge of that Court within the Colony, *but only a Deputy*, and he so much limited and controuled by his Superior, who lives out of the Government, that very great Damages, Delays, and Inconveniences, as well as extravagant Expences, have accrued to such as have been concerned in Privateering: Wherefore the Memorialists humbly prayed this Assembly, to direct that proper Application be made to the Colony's Agent in *Great-Britain*, to procure some suitable Person to be appointed Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty within and for this Colony. And this Assembly having duly considered the subject Matter of the Memorial aforesaid, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer therein contained, be, and the same is hereby granted.

ACT for assessing upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, a Rate or Tax of Four Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit which were emitted in *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, to be collected, levied, and brought into the General Treasury, before or upon the last Day of *February* next.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That a Rate or Tax of Four Thousand Pounds, the remaining Half of Eight Thousand Pounds of the Bills of Credit, called *Lawful Money*, which were emitted by the General Assembly, at a Session begun and holden at *South-Kingsdown*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, upon the last

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Monday of *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, and levied, collected, and brought into the General Treasury, before or upon the last Day of *February* next. ; and for Want of the specific Bills, emitted as aforesaid, in Gold or Silver according to their respective Faces.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby proportioned to, and upon the several Towns, at the same Rate and Proportion as the last Colony-Rate was, that is to say :

The Town of		The Town of	
Newport shall pay	£. 800 0 0	Providence shall pay	£. 303 2 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Portsmouth,	179 16 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Smithfield,	230 16 0
Newshobam,	84 13 4	Scituate,	102 8 0
Jamestown,	90 2 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Glocester,	102 0 0
Middletown,	123 1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Cumberland,	66 14 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tiverton,	132 3 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	Cranston,	154 19 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Little-Compton,	130 2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
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	£. 1540 0 0		£. 960 0 0
The Town of		The Town of	
Westerly shall pay	£. 101 2 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bristol shall pay	£. 104 0 0
North-Kingstown,	182 0 0	Warren,	96 0 0
Scuib Kingstown,	293 10 0		<hr/>
Charlestown,	70 0 0		£. 200 0 0
Exeter,	89 0 0	The Town of	
Richmond,	61 0 0	Warwick shall pay	£. 185 1 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Hopkinton,	83 7 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	East-Greenwich,	103 4 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<hr/>	West-Greenwich,	65 16 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£. 879 19 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	Coventry,	65 16 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
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			£. 420 0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall assess or apportion the aforesaid Rate or Tax, and return a true Bill or List of the same, unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly : And the said Town Clerk is directed, and hereby required to send a Copy thereof, in four Days after his Receipt of the same, unto the General Treasurer, who is directed, and hereby required to issue his Warrants within four Days from the Time of his receiving the said Copy, directed to the several Collectors of Rates or Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the King's Name, to collect, levy, and pay unto the General Treasurer, for the Time being, the several Sums unto them respectively committed to collect.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue

accrue or arise in or upon the Assessing, Collecting, and Levying its Part of the aforesaid Rate or Tax.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll Money in assessing this Rate or Tax, shall be Six Pence per Thousand Pounds, and no more.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall assess the Rate or Tax aforesaid, upon the Inhabitants of the several Towns, agreeable to an Act made and passed at a Session of the General Assembly begun and holden at Providence, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on Tuesday the first of February last, entitled, " An Act for " taking a true Account of the Value of all Rateable Estates, and " the Number of all Rateable Polls within this Colony."

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall have Two Pence upon the Pound for assessing this Rate or Tax, and no more. And the respective Collectors of the said Rate or Tax, are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting it, and paying the same unto the General Treasurer, before or at the Time in this Act limited : And the Secretary is directed, and hereby required to send a Copy of the same to every Town Clerk in the Colony, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by the said Town Clerk immediately delivered unto the Assessors or Ratemakers of his Town.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where there is any unimproved Land in any Town within this Colony, the Owner or Owners whereof live out of the same, the Rate or Tax assessed thereon, shall be levied by the Sale of so much of the said unimproved Lands as will pay the said Rate or Tax, and all Costs and Charges, after Public Notice hath been given twenty Days in the Boston Prints, unless the Owner or Owners appear to pay the said Rate or Tax so assessed upon his, her, or their Land ; and a Deed or Deeds given by the said Collectors, of such Land, shall vest in the Buyer or Buyers, as full, large, and ample Estate of Inheritance, as the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof had in his, her, or their Power to grant,

Whereas *William Pearce* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, Horsehire, and Expences, in going Express from Providence to Newport in May last, to carry Dispatches from his Excellency the Earl of Loudoun, and so forth. And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and it hereby is allowed, and that Eighteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said William Pearce out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas

Whereas the major Part of the Committee that was appointed to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the Lottery, some Time past, opened and set up to raise a Sum of Money towards paving the Streets of *Newport*, undertook that Service, and reported as followeth.

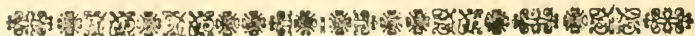
“ WE the Subscribers, being, together with *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; appointed by the Honorable General Assembly, a Committee to audit the Accounts of Messrs. *Thomas Cranston*, *John Bennet*, *Job Bennet*, jun. *William Read*, *Evan Malbone*, and *John Channing*, Directors of the Lottery granted for paving the Streets of the Town of *Newport*, Report, That Capt. *Read*, in Behalf of himself and the other Directors, hath exhibited to us an Account, with Vouchers, by which it appears, that there hath been appropriated to the Use aforesaid, Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Six Pence; which Sum, if deducted from Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, the whole Profit of the Lottery, exclusive of all Manner of Charge and bad Debts, there will be still due from the Directors, Three Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds One Shilling and Six Pence.

But we beg Leave farther to report, That Mr. *John Channing* stands indebted to the other Directors, as appears by his own Account, Six Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence, for Tickets sold by himself, and also One Hundred and Four Pounds Twelve Shillings, for Tickets by him sent unto Mr. *Gamaliel Wallis* in *Boston*, who, we are informed, is insolvent.

Newport, June 16, 1757.

Edward Scott,
Peter Bours.”

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.



An A C T for enlisting *anew*, Two Hundred and Fifty of the Soldiers now in the Pay of this Colony.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That Two Hundred and Fifty able-bodied, effective Men, of the Soldiers now in the Pay of this Colony, be enlisted *anew*, as they return from the Service they are now employ'd in, for and during the Pleasure of the General Assembly, that is to say, if so many will voluntarily enlist; and in Case the said Number will not, that then so many others be enlisted, as shall be wanted to make the whole Number of Two Hundred and Fifty. And that a proper Officer be appointed by the Committee of War, to every twenty-five of the said enlisted Soldiers, who shall

shall be disciplined every Day, and billeted in such Parts of the Government as will be most suitable for the Purpose, and least Charge to the Colony.

AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Officers and Soldiers, so enlisted, shall have and receive the same Pay as is now allowed them, and be entitled to all and every the Privileges, Benefits, and Immunities, that have been heretofore granted unto the Officers and Soldiers raised and employed by this Government, the Bounty only excepted.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Old-Tenor-Money which the General Treasurer was ordered to hire at the Rate of Ten per Cent. Interest, be continued upon that Interest, so long as the Colony shall have Occasion therefor, that is to say, if the Persons who lent the same, will consent to it.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That what appears to be due unto the Hon. Stephen Hopkins, Esq; as he was a Member of the Committee of War, from the Report of the Committee that auditted his Accounts, be paid him out of the General Treasury, with Interest at Ten per Cent.

Whereas the Gentlemen that auditted the Account of Mr. Joseph Sheldon, who was appointed to build a Pest-House in Providence, having performed that Service, presented the following Report, endorsed upon the said Account.

“ WE the Subscribers, report, That the within Account of Three Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four Pence, be allowed to Joseph Sheldon.

Daniel Fenckes,
Elisha Brown.”

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the above-mentioned Sum of Three Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four Pence, be paid the above named Joseph Sheldon out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas the Gentlemen that were appointed to audit a Number of Accounts charged against the Colony, presented unto this Assembly what followeth.

“ The Colony of Rhode-Island, to sundry People, Dr--

1. TO Nathaniel Downing of Sheffield,	Lawful Money. £. 2 10 8
2. To William Bull's Account,	16 8 3
3. William Sheldon,	3 3 3
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4. John Pell,	-	-	-	5	2
5. Timothy Collins,	-	-	-	1	-
6. Solomon Williams Account,	-	-	-	1	-
7. Phineas Smith,	-	-	-	5	-
8. Japhet Bush,	-	-	-	-	12
9. Jonathan Root,	-	-	-	1	2 7
10. Ann Sedgwick,	-	-	-	3	-
11. Samuel Nash,	-	-	-	-	8 5 $\frac{1}{4}$
12. John Alden,	-	-	-	1	18 5
13. The select Men of Goffen's Account,	-	-	-	1	15 -
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					£. 38 3 9 $\frac{1}{4}$

We Report, that the above Sums be paid to the several Persons above-mentioned.

Stephen Hopkins,
Robert Potter,
John Cole."

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be, and hereby is accepted, and that Thirty-eight Pounds Three Shillings and Nine Pence, be allowed and paid the several and respective Persons therein named, by the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins, Esq;* who is hereby empowered to draw the same out of the General Treasury.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That any Five of the Field Officers in this Colony, be, and they are hereby empowered to hold a *Court Martial* from time to time, as Occasion may require, to hear, try, and pass Sentence against any Soldier or Soldiers, who hath, or have deserted, or shall hereafter desert the Colony's Service, agreeable to the Nature of the Offence, or discharging such as appear to be innocent, And to the End that this Act may be carried into due Execution, *It is further Enacted,* That any one Field Officer may issue his Warrant for the Apprehending and Securing any Detenter or Deserters, in order to his or their being brought to Trial.

Whereas *Silas Gardner* of *Warwick*, in the County of *Kent*, Merchant, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Committee of War brought and prosecuted an Action against him at the last Inferior Court of Common Pleas that was holden at *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, and then and there obtained Judgment against him for about Fifteen Hundred Pounds and Costs: That he appealed from the said Judgment unto the Superior Court of Judicature, that sat at said *Newport* in *September*; at which Court he the said *Silas* depended on attending in Person, but was, by Sicknesh, prevented; so that he had it not in his Power to give the necessary Instructions unto

unto his Attorney, who had not the Evidences the Petitioner had taken for making his Defence ; moreover, that the Petitioner's Attorney being suddenly taken sick the Morning before the Case was to have been tried (whereof the Court had due Notice given them) a Motion was made, that the Case might be continued unto the next Term ; but the Court rejected it, and proceeded to nonsuit the Petitioner, affirming the Judgment of the aforesaid Inferior Court, with additional Costs, and doubtless will award Execution : Wherefore he the said *Silas* prayed, that the said Judgment so appealed from, may be vacated and annulled, and he be allowed a new Trial of the said Case, and so forth.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Silas Gardner* shall have a new Trial of the Action aforesaid, at the next Superior Court of Judicature, that shall be holden in the County of *Newport*, upon Condition, that he give Bond, with sufficient Security, unto the General Treasurer, in the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds Old-Tenor, conditioned, to pay unto the General Treasurer, for the Colony's Use, all Damages that shall be finally recovered of the said *Silas Gardner* in the Case aforesaid, with Interest, at and after the Rate of *Ten per Cent.* to be computed from the Rising of the Superior Court first above-mentioned ; and that the Secretary take the said Bond, and place it on File in his Office : All which being done, the Judgment given by the Superior Court in *September*, shall be vacated.

Whereas *Joshua Greene* of *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *Kings County*, Laborer, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he some Time ago, borrowed a Horse, Bridle, and Saddle of *George Gardner* of *South-Kingstown* aforesaid, to ride unto *Exeter* in the same County ; that when he came there, Mr. Sheriff *Brown* impressed and took the said Horse, with the Bridle and Saddle, for one of the Soldiers to ride upon to *Albany* : That when the said Horse came back, his Eyes were so injured, that he could not see, his Head much swollen, and his Back greatly hurt, so that he died in a few Weeks, and so forth. Whereupon the said *Joshua* prayed for an Allowance out of the General Treasury. And this Assembly having made a due Enquiry into the subject Matter of the Petition aforesaid, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Forty Pounds be allowed and paid the Petitioner out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders made and passed by the General Assembly, at two Sessions holden in *Newport*, one in *August*, and the other in *September* last ; for printing on a separate Sheet, the Act proportioning
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the Rate of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds, and for furnishing Paper for those Services. And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that One Hundred and One Pounds Two Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *James Tanner* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for repairing the Glass Windows of the Colony-House in *Newport*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Ninety-three Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Tanner* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Oliver Helme*, one of the Deputies of the Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for summoning the Members of the General Assembly, in said County living, to meet and make that Session, which, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor, was begun and holden at *Newport*, on Monday the tenth of *August* last, and for Fire-wood and Candlesticks by him provided for the Use of the General Assembly. And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Twenty-three Pounds Six Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Oliver Helme* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Oliver Arnoll*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Kent*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That one *Sarah Haines* hath been for some Time past, and now is, confined unto a close Prison in said Gaol, for stealing; that as the Winter is approaching, and she so much out of Order, as to need a proper Person to take Care of her; that her Confinement must endure until she pays Forty-seven Pounds Eight Shillings, which she, and her Relations all together, are not able to do; and moreover, the Court, on whose Sentence she was committed, gave no Orders for her being sold out, and if they had, the said *Sarah* is such a notorious Thief, that no one would buy her, and so forth. Whereupon the said *Oliver* prayed the Advice of this Court. And the General Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Gaol-keeper dismiss the said *Sarah*, unless some Person will stipulate to maintain her in Gaol.

Whereas this Assembly hath voted, that Application be made unto His Majesty, for a Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty,

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to be appointed within and for this Colony : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; be, and he hereby is appointed and requested to write a Letter for that Purpose, and recommend Col. *John Andrews* to be the Person.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to write unto his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, and inform him, that this Government hath concluded to retain in His Majesty's Service, for the ensuing Winter, Two Hundred and Fifty of the Soldiers that shall return from the Camp to this Colony, &c. Add that it is expected, the said Soldiers will be billeted at the Charge of the Crown. His Honor is also requested to inform his Excellency, that this Assembly have added Thirty Men unto the Seventy ordered by the General Assembly, at their last Session ; so that One Hundred Rangers will be furnished by this Colony, agreeable to his Lordship's Requisition.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Col. *John Andrews* be, and he is hereby appointed to sue Col. *Resolved Waterman* of *Smithfield*, for the Colony's Money which he receiv'd for paying Bounties.

Whereas *Peleg Crofs* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for Half a Dozen of Chairs delivered *Oliver Helme* for the Colony's Use : And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Sixteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peleg Crofs* out of the General Treasury.

Both Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, *Philip Greene*, Esq; was chosen Chief Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*, in the Room of *Joseph Nichols*, Esq; lately deceased.

Whereas *Joseph Bull* of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Mariner, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he, with several other *British* Subjects, some of them Inhabitants of this Colony, were taken Prisoners by the *French*, and carried into the *Mississippi*, to a Place little frequented ; that after some Confinement, he solicited and procured a Flag of Truce, to come himself, and bring others his Fellow Prisoners to this Colony ; promising the *French* to return with a Flag of Truce from this Government (if he possibly could obtain one) to redeem the many others, whom he left, from their unhappy Situation, in the *Mississippi*, and so forth. All and every of which, being duly proved, by the Oath of Capt. *Nathan Young*, who was a Prisoner at the same Time, and came away with the said *Joseph Bull*,

Bull, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby advised to grant a Flag of Truce, agreeable to the Prayer of the said Joseph Bull in his aforesaid Petition made.

What follows, is the Report of the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Charges of the last Expedition.

“WE the Subscribers, being a Committee, appointed to audit the Accounts of Charges of the last Expedition, have carefully performed that Service, and do report as followeth, viz. That sundry Accounts presented from the Town of *Newport*, amount to

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<i>Providence,</i>	-	-	476 3 6
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	-	-	131 17 6
<i>Warwick,</i>	-	-	265 0 6
<i>Westerly,</i>	-	-	254 15 6
<i>North-Kingsfown,</i>	-	-	395 4 0
<i>South-Kingsfown,</i>	-	-	386 7 0
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	-	-	121 6 0
<i>Jamestown,</i>	-	-	35 6 0
<i>Scituate,</i>	-	-	258 4 3
<i>Glocester.</i>	-	-	99 3 6
<i>Charlestown,</i>	-	-	114 0 6
<i>Coventry,</i>	-	-	190 7 9
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	-	-	195 1 2
<i>Exeter,</i>	-	-	493 0 6
<i>Bristol,</i>	-	-	171 5 6
<i>Tiverton,</i>	-	-	138 13 3
<i>Little-Compton,</i>	-	-	200 13 0
<i>Warren,</i>	-	-	54 0 0
<i>Cumberland,</i>	-	-	88 15 3
<i>Richmond,</i>	-	-	318 5 6
<i>Cranston,</i>	and some Accounts from other		
Towns included,	-	-	410 2 0
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	-	-	241 5 3
			£. 5762 15 6

As there was not a general Account of the Horses, only Two in *Newport* are included, and no Damage done Horses, nor any Services in assisting to press Arms, or other Things, is included. And a great many Accounts are wanting, and some Articles of Cloathing were not included, as the Persons who had them, were not set down in the Accounts.

*Benjamin Wickham,
Matthew Manchester,
Samuel Ward,
Osbial Gorton,
William Pearse.”*

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And the said Report being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it hereby is accepted.

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session : That the Secretary publish, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, all the Acts and Orders made and passed by this Assembly, in ten Days after their Rising, and within forty, send Copies of the same to every Town in the Colony, according to Law ; and that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned to the last Monday of *February* next.

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